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VICTIM 'JUMPED ON TO THE KNIFE'

Danny Jones

by Pam Griffin

A MAN who died after a fight in an Oswestry car park jumped on to the knife that killed him, a jury has been told.

Danny Jones, 21, died from a single stab wound to his stomach after the fight on April 24 in the Oak Street car park.

Richard Reece, 19, denies murder but accepts he was holding the knife when Mr Jones was injured.

And a witness has told the trial at Birmingham Crown Court that he saw Mr Jones, who lived in Chirk, jump towards Reece and land on the knife.

Joshua Fretwell, 17, was at the recreation ground next to the car park when Mr Jones and Reece began fighting shortly after 8pm.

He told the jury how he watched Mr Jones chase Reece around the car park and that after about 10 minutes Reece ran away towards his home in Lord Street.

"Ricky walked into the car park with the weapon and then stood there," he said.

"Danny was about 10 metres away from him. I saw him run towards Ricky and jump and go to kick him. That's when I think he landed on the blade.

"I think Ricky lifted the blade up when Danny started towards him. He didn't push it anywhere though – I think it was like a flinch. I didn't see any action by Ricky to go for him with the weapon.

"Then Ricky ran off towards his house and I saw Danny keel over on the floor."

Mr Fretwell said Reece's girlfriend Zoe Pallatina and their friend Ian Gill then ran over to help Mr Jones.

Drinking

"I could see blood coming out. Ian had his hand on the wound," he said.

"Zoe said 'Are you alright' to Danny but he couldn't get his words out. He couldn't say anything. She said to call an ambulance."

Under cross examination Mr Fretwell admitted that he didn't actually see the knife go into Mr Jones, but said it had "made sense" that was what had happened.

The trial has previously heard that Reece's friends John Lightfoot and George Allsop urged him to hand himself in to police afterwards.

Jurors also heard from Reece's former girlfriend Zoe Pallatina how both Reece and Mr Jones had been drinking together on the night of the incident before a disagreement broke out.

Forensic pathologist Dr Nicholas Hunt said it would only have taken a moderate degree of force for a knife to inflict a fatal wound. The trial continues with the final evidence from the defence due to be heard today (Thursday).

● Responsible – See Page 3

Firework spectacle to mark a milestone

AN ANNUAL bonfire and fireworks evening that has raised more than £40,000 for charity will be held for the 25th time on Saturday.

The event in Oswestry was set up by retired and retained firefighters concerned about the number of back garden bonfires.

They went on to become the Treble Niners who in conjuction with Oswestry Town Council hold the display and bonfire at Brogyntyn Park every year.

For this year's event, at 7pm on Saturday, they have bought extra fireworks and organisers have promised a spectacular display.

Mike Wilkinson, leader of the Treble Niners, said: "The atmosphere is always most enjoyable and by bringing the community together, then we help fundraise for our local good causes."

Councillor Chris Schofield, mayor of Oswestry, said: "The town council has been proud to be a partner of the Treble Niners. Mike Wilkinson and the personnel of Oswestry Fire Station and their families and friends work so hard to provide the community with such an enjoyable evening."

Oswestry Borderland Rotary Club and the Treble Niners have teamed up to arrange a lantern parade through town starting from Festival Square at 6.30pm.

● Parade – See Page 9

Editor talks to council

REGIONAL newspapers will be adversely affected by the fallout from the Leveson inquiry, the editor of the *Chronicle*'s sister paper the *Shropshire Star* told Oswestry Town Council this week.

Martin Wright said the regulations that will be imposed as a result of the inquiry into press standards would cost time and money, when it was already recognised that local newspapers were not responsible for the problems in the industry.

● Fallout – See Page 4

Councillors will back town CCTV

THE future of Oswestry's CCTV system looks secure after the town council agreed to support a system in the future – providing it was operated by local volunteers.

The future of CCTV across Shropshire is in jeopardy following Shropshire's Council's decision to review its funding as part of massive budget cuts. The authority pays £10,500 a year towards the Oswestry system.

But on Tuesday Oswestry Town Council voted to look at upgrading the cameras it funded 13 years ago and that it continues to fund to the tune of £7,500 a year. The system costs £22,000 a year to run.

Councillors heard from police Inspector Rik Klair and Mr Jim Stafford, who is currently looking at the future of the town centre system.

"Most of the cameras and the equipment is now 13 years old and worn out," Inspector Klair said.

But he said that the volunteer run system was proactive. The operators were able to point police officers to incidents that were just beginning.

Mr Jim Stafford, the former inspector for the area, said that before the cameras 64 per cent of all crime in Oswestry was in the town centre and a quarter was criminal damage.

Firm boosts appeal fund

Backing the *Chronicle* appeal are Morris Cook accountant employees, back, from left, Lisa Jones, Joanne Edwards and Emma Vollmer. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

A FIRM of accountants is backing *The Chronicle's* "Keeping Oswestry Alive" campaign.

Morris Cook Accountants weighed in with a cheque for £100 this week to give the fund another boost as support from the local community continues to grow.

In association with the British Heart Foundation (BHF) and the West Midland Ambulance Service the *Oswestry & Border Chronicle* is appealing for help from readers and advertisers.

The target is to set up a network of at least six life saving defibrillators located in strategic areas across Oswestry, aimed at providing rapid treatment for those suffering cardiac arrests.

"We fully support *The Chronicle* in this bid to provide a network of defibrillators across the town," said the company's Andrew Clark.

"It is a great idea to supply a much needed service for the town and Morris Cook Accountants are delighted to be able to support the scheme."

Chronicle staff are now planning a bagpacking day at Morrisons supermarket in Oswestry

Chronicle associate editor Graham Breeze, said: "With the closure of the town's ambulance station and greater demands on the ambulance service and first responders it is really important to provide as much support as possible.

"Treatment within the first few minutes is so vital for cardiac arrest sufferers."

Alcohol is banned at town hall on Sundays

ALCOHOL will not be served at events taking place on Sundays at Welshpool Town Hall despite councillors' pleas to use the venue to earn as much revenue as possible.

Welshpool Town Council discussed plans to hire the venue out on Sundays at its monthly meeting, but members voted to only keep the venue available for hire for events excluding those with alcohol or discos, parties or "entertainment" events.

The decision, agreed by eight votes to three, was described as a blow by some members.

Councillor Malcolm Douglass, deputy mayor, said he felt it was old fashioned for the council to ban the sale of alcohol at events on Sunday.

He said: "It is about time we put away the pony and trap and got on the train."

The Grade II listed Victorian town hall underwent a £200,000 refurbishment last year with a parapet rebuilt and other walls being secured.

The town hall clock was also repaired as part of the project after it ground to a halt when pigeon droppings affected the mechanism. The birds had been getting into the clock tower for 40 years.

No plea yet in gun case

A MAN charged in connection with an incident which led to armed police patrolling Trefonen had his case adjourned while he has psychiatric treatment.

Paul Carruthers, 43, of Trefonen has been charged with four counts of criminal violence and possession of a 12 bore shotgun with intent on May 2 and 3.

Carruthers had been the subject of psychiatric assessments and was currently considered to be unfit to plead, Shrewsbury Crown Court heard. The case will reopen on November 25.

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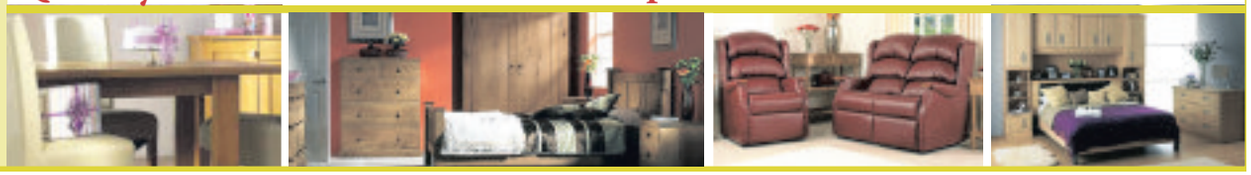

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New platform for long forgotten train station

A FORGOTTEN railway station has been given a new lease of life – at least in model form.

This huge replica of the Breidden Station at Middletown, near Welshpool, was one of the star exhibits at a model railway show held in Welshpool Town Hall on Saturday.

by Andrew Morris

Dozens of tiny passengers waited on two platforms as trains sped by, with dozens of enthusiasts looking on.

The real Breidden Station – which was known as Middletown Station until February 1928 – closed in September 1960, but has been painstakingly recreated by Charles Bowen who lives in the village.

Mr Bowen laughs as he says he spent "many hours" making the model, which also incorporates local roads and farms full of sheep and cows.

He also called for rural stations to be reinstated, saying as villages grow the need for better rail infrastructure is needed.

He said: "It has been a labour of love I suppose you could say and has been many hours in the making.

"It is my village and I am very pleased with how I have recreated it, I feel quite satisfied and I have had plenty of people coming over for a look.

"It is all electrified and runs on signals – if I turn them on red, the trains stop."

Clearly impressed by the level of detail Mr Bowen went into was 77-year-old Peter Jones from Shrewsbury, who came to the show, to pick up inspiration for his own models at home.

He said: "The Middletown display is very commendable and I have picked up some hints and tips."

The former railway signalman was particularly impressed by the way the trains operate by signal.

"They are the best I have ever seen," he said.

"They are just like the real thing."

Other displays included cars, boats and a huge Christmas-themed Playmobil railway operated and owned by Walter Turner, from Porthmadog in North Wales.

He said: "The kids at the show here have loved it and it is getting them in the Christmas spirit already. I got into it when my twin sons were three in 1984 and it has never stopped.

"We started exhibiting the Playmobil trains in 1998 when there was a model railway exhibition held locally and it has gone from there. Welshpool is a lovely town and people have been very enthusiastic.

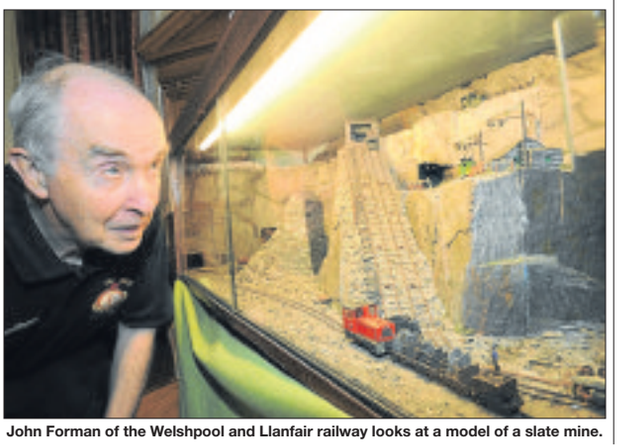
"This Christmas set is completely interactive and kids can play with it. There is also guess how many Santas there are in the scene competitions and there must be over 50 hiding away in there."

Mark Wigley, one of the show's organisers, hailed it a massive success.

He added: "We are very pleased, there have been lots of people coming in and having a look of all ages and feedback has been excellent.

"There were things to see both upstairs and downstairs in the town hall and I think people took full advantage of what was on offer."

Charles Bowen from Middletown at the show with his layout of Middletown station. *Pictures Peter Shah.*



John Forman of the Welshpool and Llanfair railway looks at a model of a slate mine.

Chef just missed accident by seconds

A YOUNG chef was seconds from being crushed under tonnes of maize as he finished work on Friday.

Dan Baynham was leaving the Queen's Head pub near Oswestry when he heard a crash and ran outside to see his car buried by a mountain of green, the weight completely squashing the black, Skoda Felicia.

The maize had fallen out of a trailer that overturned when it was being towed by a tractor on the bend outside the pub, just off the A5.

It happened as farmers were carrying out the maize harvest.

The drama left the 21-year-old shaken, but grateful he had not been in his car. "I had finished the lunchtime shift and was literally about to walk out of the door," Mr Baynham said.

"A minute later and I would have been in the car. There could have been a completely different outcome."

The Queen's Head is owned by Mr Baynham's father, David, and his wife, Niamh. "I have been working here for four years and am really enjoying it," the chef said.

"I am just very grateful that I am back here working this week. If I had finished work just a minute earlier I may not have been. It does not bear thinking about."

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Wednesday 27th: Today we cross the channel to Dunkirk and from Dunkirk we continue to Bruges to visit the Christmas Market. Bruges is a magical city, especially in deep winter when its cobbled streets are alive with festivities, glowing with Christmas lights. To add to the atmosphere, an ice rink is built on the Bruges market square close to the many food and festive gift stalls, which offer traditional seasonal delights. A packed lunch will be provided today.

Thursday 28th: This morning is free in Dover and after lunch (either packed lunch or 1 course lunch in hotel) we make the short journey into Folkestone. In the creative quarter 100 artistic enterprises fill the cobbled, historic heart of town, along with quirky stores, cool bars and chic eateries.

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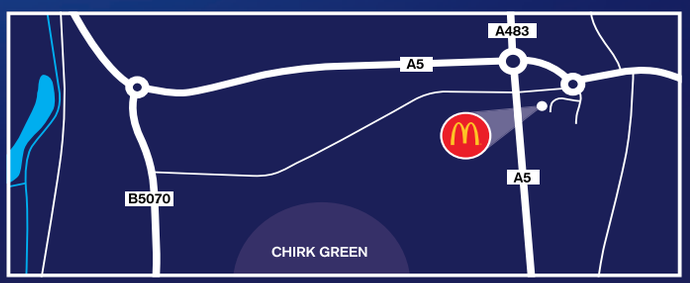

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Dedicated nurse has won top award

Award-winner Margaret Jones.

NURSE Margaret Jones, who has spent more than half a century looking after others, has won a top award.

"Sister Jones" as she is known was presented with a gold, Wales Care Award at a ceremony organised by Care Forum Wales.

The event showcases best practice and highlights the outstanding contributions made by those involved in the care industry.

Mrs Jones, 67, a regional nurse for St John Ambulance, has been a volunteer at the Royal Welsh Show for 27 years, and since 2009 has been a part-time staff nurse at Rhallt care home, Salop Road, Welshpool.

She won the "End of Life Care Award," sponsored by Barclays Corporate, which covers one of the most sensitive and challenging aspects of care.

Mrs Jones, of Aberhafesp, Newtown, said: "I feel quite humbled. I have worked with so many teams over 50 years of nursing. You can't do the work on your own. I feel I have accepted it on behalf of all the teams I have worked with."

"I'm not putting up my feet just yet. I will carry on a little while longer, I'm still enjoying it. I will carry on with my volunteer work as well."

She qualified as a nurse in 1967 after volunteering for St John Ambulance at the age of 12. She worked at Bronglais Hospital and as a staff nurse and sister in Newtown.

Teenager tells court he was responsible for man's death

by Pam Griffin

A TEENAGER has admitted that he feels responsible for the death of a 21-year-old in an Oswestry car park.

Richard Reece, 19, said he was shocked and scared when he realised he had injured Danny Jones.

He told the jury at Birmingham Crown Court that he had wanted to scare Mr Jones after the pair had been fighting on April 24.

"I went to my house just looking for anything to get him to stop," Reece said.

"I'd been showing the knife to Danny outside earlier in the evening and I'd put it in a plant pot. I used to put all sorts of things in that plant pot.

"I picked it up. I went back into the car park. Danny was running towards me.

"I think I stepped back and went to cover myself with my left hand, lifting it up to protect my face. I clenched up.

"I don't remember feeling the knife go in or seeing it, I just remember this sudden silence. I looked at Danny and he was wounded," he added.

The trial heard that Reece ran away from the car park and then sent several text messages to friends, including one where he said he had "murdered" Mr Jones.

Reece denies a charge of murder, but said he accepts that it is his fault that Mr Jones, from Chirk, died.

Giving evidence on Monday he said: "I knew I was holding that knife when Danny got injured and I felt responsible and that it was my doing."

But when Miss Rachel Brand, for Reece, asked him if he had stabbed Mr Jones deliberately he said "No."

Reece, from Lord Street, Oswestry, turned himself in in the early hours of the following morning after speaking with a police negotiator.

He said he had been shocked and scared when the negotiator told him Mr Jones had died.

"It felt as if my life had fallen apart," he said.

"My two thoughts were to end my own life or hand myself in.

"I was thinking I'd top myself during the night."

The trial continues.

Witnesses saw man swinging weapon about

YOUNG people who were at a recreation ground in Oswestry when a fatal fight broke out told a murder trial how they saw a man swinging a weapon at the victim.

A jury at Birmingham Crown Court heard that Richard Reece, 19, from Lord Street in the town was seen facing off against Danny Jones, 21, in the nearby car park at Oak Street.

Ian Thomas Gill, a college friend of Reece, was at the house in Lord Street when the fight started.

He told the jury he saw Reece came into the car park carrying a long knife.

He said: "Danny started to put his head down. I don't know if he was going to tackle Ricky or what. But he went into Ricky and then fell onto his back.

"I saw Danny stumble and fall towards Ricky. Then Danny was lying on his back on the floor."

Ben Richards, 17, said: "I could hear the slap of Ricky's face every time Dan punched him. When Ricky pulled out the knife then that did scare me.

"Dan had his arms out and said 'come on then'. Ricky was waving his arm as if to warn him off. All I could see was Ricky's arm swinging then both of them went to the floor."

The trial continues.

Town's poppy appeal starts

Lydia Hicks, cadet, Roy Fry appeal organiser and Kelvin Jones Falklands veteran at the launch of the poppy appeal in Oswestry. *Picture: Peter Shah.*

THE annual Poppy Appeal has swung into action as Royal British Legion branches prepare for their busiest fortnight of the year.

Poppy sellers will be in towns and villages selling not only red paper poppies but also enamel pin badges, wrist bands and bracelets.

In Oswestry, the town's appeal was launched in Festival Square on Saturday and branch members are hoping for a memorable year.

Roy Fry, Poppy Appeal organiser for the area, said fundraising last year had been record-breaking.

In 2011/2012 the branch saw just over £20,000 raised by the public and legion members.

In the year to October we raised £24,000, thanks to dances and other functions in the town as well as the poppy collections.

"We now have our busiest time of year and I must thank all the wonderful collectors who give up their time to sell poppies and to the businesses who agree to putting a collecting box in their premises," said Mr Fry.

NEWS in brief

Waiting times to be cut for patients

MID Wales patients will see waiting times for treatment at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital cut from 36 to 26 weeks after successful negotiations between the hospital and health board.

While patients from the English side of the border wait no longer than 18 weeks for treatment at the hospital, waiting times in Wales are longer.

Until now those that come under the Powys Teaching Health Board area were forced to wait up to 36 weeks for treatment.

At last week's Orthopaedic Hospital foundation trust board, director of finance, Mr John Grinnell, said talks with the Powys Health Board had led to an agreement to increase funding.

Country music special at hotel

THE Royal Oak Hotel, Welshpool will host a country and western special on Saturday.

Between 8pm and midnight four hours of country and western music is on offer, with an Irish feel. Mel Paul and Mary Lacy will perform music from the likes of Foster and Allen and Daniel O'Donnell supported by Bob Morgan.

Compere is Mike Breeze and a line dancing disco ends the evening.

Tickets are £10 call 01686 640557.

Training service marks milestone

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Warning that local papers could face inquiry fallout

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Mr Martin Wright said the regulations that will be imposed as a result of the inquiry into press standards would cost time and money, when it was already recognised that local newspapers were not responsible for the problems in the industry.

The editor was speaking to Oswestry Town Council about the local media. He said that at the heart of the Shropshire Star was local news. "We give readers the stories that nobody else can provide about their communities, the courts, the councils, the tragedies and the celebrations."

by Graham Breeze

Mr Wright said the revelations from the Leveson inquiry were shocking to everybody including those working within the newspaper industry.

"Frustratingly for regional newspapers, on a very practical level we will be adversely affected as a result of the inquiry, even though Lord Justice Leveson was at pains to point out that local and regional newspapers were in no way responsible for the issues surrounding ethics, which were raised at the inquiry.

"Any new form of regulation will increase the burden on the local press, both in terms of financial and time commitments, at a time when the industry is already struggling.

"To add insult to injury the Leveson inquiry has also affected people's trust in newspapers and that has filtered through to local newspapers."

He said that the industry was pressing ahead with its own model of self regulation.

"The Privy Council proposal does, we believe, offer the prospect of political interference which is in our view unacceptable if the press is to be truly free."

Mr Wright said the Shropshire Star was rising to the challenge of becoming a digital company. "We have become a truly multimedia business, rather than simply a newspaper with a website."

B&B couple win TV's Four In A Bed title

A MELVERLEY husband-and-wife team who run a bed and breakfast business have scooped the top prize on a Channel 4 reality show.

Mark and Rachael Dann, from Big Bear Lodge, were last week crowned champions on Four In A Bed.

They had been pitted against bed and breakfast owners from around the UK in a week-long challenge to find out who was best.

And the laid-back couple, who got on well with all of their competitors, were voted the best of all.

Mr Dann, who was inspired to open his business by Hollywood actor Patrick Swayze, said he was delighted.

He said: "We won it. We didn't expect to. It was great fun."

Female firefighters needed

A women's recruitment day was held at Oswestry Fire Station. Pictured are Penny Sherwood and Firefighter Louise Fletcher. *Picture: Peter Shah.*

WOMEN with a burning desire to prove that firefighting isn't solely a man's world got a taste of the service at a recruitment day in Oswestry.

More than 12 were shown around the fire station and tried on the full gear including breathing apparatus.

Those who passed a basic fitness test and liked what they saw will be referred to a training course with the aim of becoming retained firefighters.

On her first visit to the station was Paula King, 27, of Cabin Lane, Oswestry. She said: "It has been a couple of years since I gave birth so I want to get my toe into something and this has been the perfect introduction."

Sara Davies, from Oswestry, said: "It has been a great day and I am ready to sign up now."

Recruiting females to join the team has been a priority for station manager John Davies, who said anybody interested can go to the station between 7pm and 9pm on Wednesdays.

He said: "We have had females in the past, we had two girls and they were brilliant. Some women have said to me that they wonder whether they can do it, but there are training courses and fitnesses assessments and then you are treated 100 per cent as a vital part of the team."

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Old boys tell pupils of rowing adventure

A FORMER head boy of a prep-school is soon to embark upon a journey of a lifetime.

Harry Martin is one of two adventurers from the county who is gearing up for a trans-Atlantic rowing expedition.

The adventurer returned to his former school at Packwood Haugh, near Ruyton-XI-Towns, to talk to pupils about his upcoming trip which will see him set off from Gran Canaria on December 1 and row to Barbados, a journey expected to take about 60 days.

He will be joined on the mammoth trip by his friend from school days at Shrewsbury, Alex Bland.

School spokeswoman Cath Hammond said: "Harry and Alex brought their rowing boat along with them and many children had the opportunity to climb aboard and explore the 7m long vessel.

"They learnt how making the journey in December and January will give Harry and Alex the advantage of winds blowing east to west which will help them along their way.

"Harry explained how the expedition was not only a personal challenge which he and Alex had long held the dream of completing, but also a chance to raise money for two charities – Cure Leukaemia and JDRF."

Feasibility study into former cinema revamp

AMBITIOUS £500,000 plans to convert Oswestry's former cinema into a multi purpose entertainment venue have been given a £3,000 boost.

The town's local joint committee has agreed to put the money towards a study into whether the project to transform the former Regal Cinema in Leg Street is possible.

by Iain St John

The cash was ringfenced to allow campaigners behind the plans to find out whether they can find the money from other sources rather than from the public purse.

The local joint committee is able to give public funded grants to projects.

But a meeting of the group last Thursday heard councillors on the committee wanted to see if the campaigners could find the cash for the feasibility study before they formally agreed to give public funding.

Committee chairman Councillor Vince Hunt said the group did support the Regal plans in essence.

But he added: "I know there is the thought of another grant they can apply for this.

"I suggest we ringfence the £3,000 until they can find out if they can get the funding from the other grant source."

Fellow committee members agreed to the ringfencing option.

A report to the committee meeting explained the plans for the former cinema.

It said: "The Oswestry Regal Project is a group that would like to have a central multi-purpose venue/community centre.

"They believe there is a need for a 250-seat theatre space, 100-seat cinema and other ancillary functions in the town.

"The old Regal cinema site is the preferred choice for this due to its history and capacity. There has been some work done by the group and positive feedback has been gained informally for the project.

"They would like to complete a pre-feasibility study to gain more concrete information on the need of the project and so are applying for the funding of the study."

The former Regal Cinema in Leg Street closed in 1994 but campaigners say the building, which could cost between £400,000 and £500,000 to buy.

Tractor in crash drama

The overturned tractor and trailer.

A TRACTOR and a trailer overturned, spilling its load of hay all over the road at Oswestry's busy Mile End roundabout on Saturday.

The trailer landed on top of another vehicle but there were no injuries.

John Edwards, a spokesman for West Mercia Police, said: "A tractor towing a trailer tipped over onto another car.

"We had to get some highways people out because there was also some diesel spilled.

"The road was closed for about an hour because of all the hay everywhere."

Eyewitness Pam Griffin said: "There was hay and maize all over the road. There were large tailbacks with cars waiting to get onto the road and police everywhere.

"The driver was out of his tractor and appeared okay."

Two lanes were closed and there was slow traffic on A483 for recovery work at 11.30am on Saturday.

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

PARTYGOERS will not be welcome at Welshpool Town Hall on a Sunday any more.

The Town Council reached a remarkable decision last week to ban the sale of alcohol on Sundays at town hall functions.

The council has recently had to dip into cash reserves to help fund badly needed repair work to the impressive building so slashing a revenue opportunity doesn't make too much sense, particularly when every other licensed premises in the area opens on the sabbath.

That means weddings, christenings, birthdays or any other function will not be welcome in a building owned by the people of Welshpool. Amazing.

And the first victim of the decision was the town's rugby club. Their sportsman's dinner with world famous rugby legend JPR Williams had to be switched out of town to Berriew last Sunday.

What a great impression of Welshpool that must have left with the great man.

Isn't this the 21st century?

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Great news for the modern man out there this week with the revelation that life really begins at 54 and not 40 as we have always been led to believe.

For a survey has shown it is not until the age of 54 that they finally feel grown up, enjoying life as a "real adult".

A study of 1,000 men found it was the time most admitted they felt "settled and secure" in their lives, suggesting they take longer than previous generations due to financial pressures and late fatherhood.

It appears modern man no longer leaves behind his youthful insecurities at 40 which is really bad news for those approaching that age who thought their lives were about to take a turn for the better.

The results suggested many do not believe they have achieved a level of financial stability, or that their children were approaching self-sufficiency, until they are 11 years off retirement age themselves.

The number one fear highlighted by participants was not being able to afford a first home, as rising property prices leave workers in rented accommodation.

It was followed by concern over losing their hair, and worry over being unemployed.

The question is how many of you 54-year-olds think life's about to take a turn for the better. It certainly didn't for me.

But then the survey was carried out by hair transplant centre Crown Clinic in Manchester who may just be trying to tempt the older generation through their doors.

Ileen Wilkie reads some of the memorabilia by the fire at Chirk Castle.

John Unwin, 89, with the helmet worn by his father, Albert Victor Unwin.

Family's donation gives idea of life in Great War

War hero Albert Unwin's story will live on thanks to a project at Chirk Castle. JOSHUA BOSWELL reports

"THE First World War was meant to be the war to end all wars, and look what happened in 1939," said the 92-year-old woman.

But as the fire crackled in the hearth beside her and the warm, slow swing music rolled through the grand rooms of Chirk Castle, you could almost mistake this rainy Monday afternoon for 1913 rather than 2013.

Ileen Wilkie, 92, and her brother John Unwin, 89, were at the castle to present the National Trust with medals and artefacts belonging to their father, a First World War hero.

Albert Victor Unwin worked as a caretaker for Lord and Lady Howard de Walden at Chirk Castle from 1911 to 1946 – except for when he served at the front line during the First World War under Lord de Walden's command, with the famed Royal Welch Fusiliers.

Almost a century later, his family have come to the castle to donate his wartime diary, military artefacts and his Distinguished Conduct Medal for bravery under fire.

Mrs Wilkie said: "It's pride I feel really, that he did all that. I didn't realise at the time how brave he must have been. When you hear why he was awarded, you realise that he braved all the firing, the shells, and everything, to make sure the troops got all the rations they needed."

Staff at the castle have resolved to rediscover and share the stories of the 66 men like Mr Unwin, whose names are inscribed on the war memorial in Chirk's centre, many of whom worked on Lord de Walden's estate.

When the war began, Lord de Walden encouraged all the men from his estate to join up. Mr Unwin joined the Royal Welch Fusiliers, as did most men in North Wales. His job was to get rations and equipment to the front line, under heavy enemy fire.

Albert Victor Unwin.

On August 9 1918, a mere two months before the Armistice was signed, Mr Unwin was shot. The Unwins' donation included his fusilier's helmet, which still bears the dent where the bullets from those shots ricocheted off.

Hospital

A lucky man, he survived the bloody field hospital and returned home to the castle where he remained for the rest of his life, founding the Chirk British Legion and acting as a church warden.

"Very, very seldom did he speak of the war," said Mrs Wilkie. "The only occasion I know was when he let me see there was a huge hole in his leg. I must have been about eight when I saw it, and that was it."

Mr Unwin himself recorded the day he was shot in his diary with one word: "Wounded."

Ileen Wilkie and John Unwin with Carolyn Latham, house manager at Chirk Castle.

"He doesn't make a big song and dance about it," said Mrs Wilkie. She rummages in the box of artefacts and draws out a faded letter. It asks if Mr Unwin would prefer his medal for bravery presented publicly or sent in the post. Mrs Wilkie said: "He didn't want it publicly. But he always liked the remembrance services. He was a very gentle man."

Albert Unwin had four children, and lived on the estate with his wife. As a caretaker, Mr Unwin was not the typical companion of an aristocrat, but Lord de Walden and he had a close friendship.

"They built boats together down by the lake. In letters Lord Howard de Walden talks about 'his friend', my father. They got on so well," said Mrs Wilkie.

"I was good friends with his daughter, Rosemary. From about eight to 15, I always had tea with them. I had tea in this room. I remember the Christmases – we'd have a lovely tea and a present. "We were all given one of those boiled sweet jars when we left. And when they performed the pantomimes, we were invited to see it." Carolyn Latham, house manager at Chirk Castle, said: "Lord Howard de Walden seemed to put all this effort into the house parties, the kids' parties, the pantomimes, the village fetes, the pageants, as if to say 'we're all going to live, and we're going to do what we can'.

"But he would then often take himself off separately, as if he couldn't quite fully enjoy it. And he would comment that he couldn't shake the melancholy of what had happened."

"I think he felt a responsibility that he had encouraged people to enlist and fight – lots of people did because they thought it was going to be over so quickly, and that fighting would be so gentlemanly, not what it really was."

Realising his men were woefully under-equipped for trench warfare, Lord de Walden took it upon himself to design a special knife or cledd, made by Wilkinson Sword, for his fusiliers.

The castle team are calling on people to get in touch with their own family memories.

CHART TOPPERS RAY SPILLER

Over 50 years ago The Music Charts started and this column will look back at the charts this week, 10, 20, 30 40 and 50 years ago

TEN YEARS AGO . . . 2003

The youngest all-girl group to reach number one were The Sugababes and in 2003 they were celebrating their third chart topper when Hole In The Head. The single topped the charts for one week.

TWENTY YEARS AGO . . .1993

Marvin Lee Aday better known as Meatloaf held the peak position on both sides of the Atlantic with I'd Do Anything For Love, But I Won't Do That. On this side of the pond, the single was number one for seven weeks. Born in Dallas, Marvin has had three others records inside the top 10. The nickname Meatloaf came about when he was 13 and played American Football – his coach one day said he ran like a meatloaf and the name stuck.

THIRTY YEARS AGO...1983

Having replaced UB40 at the top, Culture Club would enjoy six weeks at number one with Karma Chameleon. Weekend's cover star Boy George attracted huge media attention with this, the group's second number one, which also found its way to the top of the USA charts.

FORTY YEARS AGO . . . 1973

In 1972 Thames Television commissioned The Simon Park Orchestra to write the theme music for a new detective series Van Der Valk. The show starred Barry Foster. The theme tune was popular and made number 41 in the charts – but when the second series was screend on the TV the theme music called Eye Level went to number one. It was the first time a TV theme had topped the charts.

FIFTY YEARS AGO . . . 1963

Brian Poole and The Tremeloes were formed in 1959 and their audition with Decca came on the same day the record label auditioned The Beatles.

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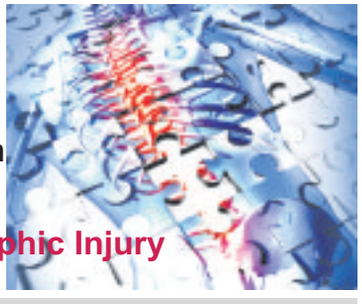

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SHAREHOLDER AGREEMENTS - UNNECESSARY EXPENSE OR CRUCIAL TO COMPANY'S FUTURE?

Q: I set up a small IT company two years ago with three friends. We are all directors and hold an equal number of shares. Recently it was suggested that we should have a Shareholders Agreement drawn up. I feel this would be an unnecessary expense for such a small company. Am I correct?

A: Whilst every company has Articles of Association, these do not cover the wide range of issues where written agreement prior to any problem arising would be helpful. Also they are publicly available, whereas a shareholdersâ€™ agreement is private and confidential.

Currently, you may all be on good terms and working together to make the business successful. This may, however, not always be the case, and it would be useful for you to have a signed document setting out exactly who will do what in terms of responsibilities and how much time every shareholder will devote to the business and what happens if this ceases to be the case.

For example, in the future, one of you may wish to devote time to other projects or interests, or spend less time working in the business. As part of such changes one of you may wish to sell their shares to the others. It is preferable to have agreed provisions in place from the start, which set out exactly how the shares will be valued and how they will be bought by the remaining shareholders.

It is also important to have agreement on what decisions require the consent of all shareholders (i.e. unanimity), e.g. employing or dismissing staff, entering into contracts above a certain value (such as a lease), or taking other significant steps in relation to the business.

Whilst there will be some costs involved, a properly drafted shareholders agreement would undoubtedly help reduce or avoid disagreement between the shareholders in the future.

For further information relating to this question, or a FREE review of your company's terms and conditions, contact Emyr Kerfoot, a Partner with GHP Legal.
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Adopters needed to ease shortage

HAVE you ever thought about adopting and wanted to find out more? If so, now is a good time to take that important first step.

It is National Adoption Week November 4-10 and over the next few weeks local authorities and voluntary adoption agencies across the UK will be holding special information events. It's a great opportunity to learn all you need to know about adopting – how the adoption process works; what support is available and who the kinds of children are who need a 'forever family'.

Every year, there are over 4,000 children throughout the UK who need to be adopted and there is a desperate shortage of adopters.

The British Association for Adoption & Fostering (BAAF) is asking if you have room in your life and heart to become a parent to a child or sibling group. It may sometimes be challenging, but many adoptive parents have told BAAF, it is the most amazing, rewarding thing they have ever done. People from all walks of life are needed.

Please visit **www.nationaladoptionweek.org.uk** to get details of events.

SHAN NICHOLAS
Interim Chief Exec
British Association for Adoption & Fostering (BAAF)

Charity can boost career prospects

MIDLANDS people keen to support the world's leading cancer charity dedicated to saving lives through research can now boost their career prospects by taking on a voluntary internship with Cancer Research UK.

Interns will be supporting on some of the biggest and best-loved fundraising events in the region and across the UK, through a flexible and supportive internship scheme.

Cancer Research UK is now recruiting for its Regional Events Marketing Internships, which offer successful candidates the chance to learn from professional marketing managers, through supporting them in the regional promotion of Race for Life fundraising events.

Through these voluntary roles, interns will gain insight and hands-on experience of marketing and events, and will also enable CRUK to deliver over and above on its ambitious and successful events.

The scheme is open to all graduates and non-graduates, and is flexible in terms of the time commitment required. And as well as gaining new skills and areas of expertise, regional events marketing interns in the Midlands will have the personal satisfaction of knowing they are supporting vital research helping to make a real difference in the fight against cancer.

Cancer Research UK's Race for Life in partnership with Tesco is an inspiring women-only series of events which raises millions of pounds every year.

For more information, visit **http://support.cancerresearchuk.org/support-us/volunteer/internships**

The closing date for applications is Friday, November 8.

SARAH SOUTHALL
Cancer Research UK

Quality of life is a concern for elderly

SINCE taking up the post as Older People's Commissioner for Wales I have travelled extensively speaking with older people.

The people I have met with come from a wide range of communities. Despite this, what people tell me is important is often very similar – quite simply they want the best quality of life.

Older people have told me they have a good quality of life, say they feel safe and listened to, valued and respected.

They are able to get the help they need, if it is needed; live in a place that suits them.

For many, having the best quality of life is closely linked to remaining independent living at home for as long as possible, and there has been a gradual shift towards offering help so this is possible.

For a variety of reasons, however, remaining at home, with perhaps only 15 minutes of care or support a day, is not suitable for everyone and residential care will continue to be a key way in which older people receive the support they need.

I have spoken about the importance of high quality residential care.

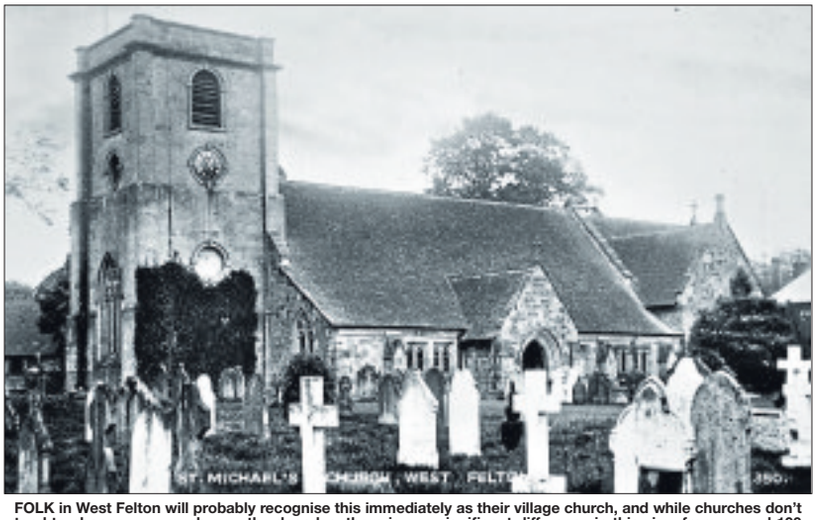
But during the past year, I have received increasing correspondence about the quality of life and care of older people in residential care, which has demonstrated that there are still unacceptable variations across Wales. Too often, care homes are meeting only "minimum standards" required by law. We are not yet in a position where all older people living in residential care can be assured that they will be safe, well cared for and have a good quality of life.

This is why I am using my legal powers as commissioner to undertake a formal review into the quality of life and care of older people living in residential care.

By gathering evidence through questionnaires and a series of visits, the voices of older people and their families will be at the heart of my review.

Alongside my recommendations, which public bodies will be expected to comply with, it is vital that those who run our care services understand the realities of living in residential care.

SARAH ROCHIRA
Older People's Commissioner for Wales



FOLK in West Felton will probably recognise this immediately as their village church, and while churches don't tend to change very much over the decades, there is one significant difference in this view from around 100 years ago, compared to today. Can you tell what it is? In case you don't know or can't guess, we'll tell you. The current church has a little steeple, which is conspicuously absent in this view. Does anyone know when – and why – it acquired a steeple? ***Picture: Ray Farlow.***

Chums event big success

CHUMS Befriending Service and Qube Shopping thank everyone involved in a coffee and quiz morning at Qube last month.

It was a great success and the first of many that will run over the next year as part of our initiative to relieve the elderly from loneliness.

Volunteers spend two hours every week offering their company to elderly and isolated people and our monthly socials are the ideal opportunity for us to give them our sincere thanks.

In the coming months we will be inviting our clients and volunteers to activities ranging from hand and neck massage to Christmas crafts.

Volunteers can contact 01691 656882 or email: **v.hughes@qube-oca.org.uk**

VICTORIA HUGHES
CHUMS
Oswestry

Action call over rising energy costs

While Age Cymru welcomes the news that a discount of £20 to £60 will be provided to some British Gas customers through the Warm Home Deal and Essentials social tariff, overall price rises will mean higher bills for millions.

It is vital that we address the impact of energy prices on older people and other groups who are potentially vulnerable.

Last winter in Wales older people were more likely to cut back on heating and eating than those anywhere else in the UK.

Age Cymru is calling for the Government, the energy regulator and the energy companies to come up with solutions to make sure that everyone can keep warm.

GRAEME FRANCIS
Age Cymru

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Pornography is far too freely available

THE police are investigating claims of abuse by Jimmy Savile at 30 hospitals, dating back many years. Most of the people employed there who may have had any idea what he was doing will have gone by now. Is this really a good use of police resources?

Some would argue that the victims deserve justice, but will dragging up past horror really help? Savile is dead and gone and he will have to answer to his maker.

The sad fact is that far more children and young people are being sexually abused. Should we not concentrate on prevention? I am convinced that freely available pornography and sexualisation of girls is a major cause. Have we repealed obscenity laws? God's law still is still in operation, and under this we must treat others with love and respect.

RON JONES, Oswestry

Put cash in renewables

THE main reason families are paying more for their energy bills is the increasing wholesale price of gas. The Government's Committee on Climate Change has said that the costs of low-carbon measures have been small by comparison. The best thing we could do to cut bills in the long term would be to invest in renewable energy.

Nuclear power is increasingly expensive yet the Government is happy for bill payers to fund a subsidy for EDF. By contrast, renewable technologies have seen dramatic price falls.

If the Prime Minister wants to help families struggling with bills he should put in place measures to insulate homes. This could be funded by a windfall tax, and would create hundreds of thousands of jobs.

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Any gentlemen, and their spouses or partners, who may be interested in finding out more about Freemasonry in general and its involvement in Oswestry in particular, are cordially invited to attend and they will be welcomed by members of the Lodge.
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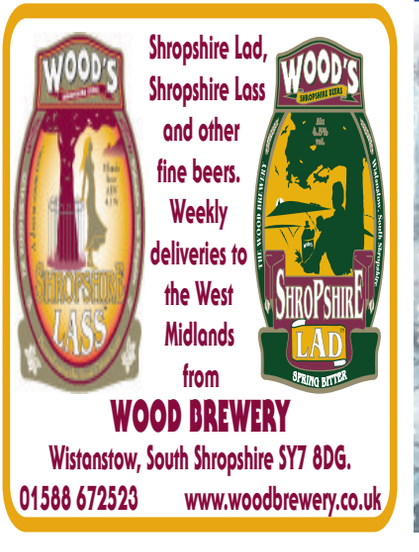

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Talks on effect of welfare reforms

A NEW campaign group in Oswestry is to hold a public meeting over the Government's controversial welfare reforms including the so-called bedroom tax.

The Oswestry Equality Group will hold the meeting at the Eastern Oswestry Community Centre on November 21, at 7.30pm.

Penny Rice from the group said: "We have chosen to take a look at the welfare reforms because it is very topical and so is the impact the 'bedroom tax' is having.

"At our last meeting we staged the movie Ghosts which looked at poorly paid workers, working and living in poor conditions. The next meeting will follow on from that. We think our meetings allow ordinary people to have a voice and learn more about major issues.

"In the interests of equality and in an attempt to provide a balanced view, Mrs Steph Jackson, who is head of customer support and assets for Shropshire Council, is willing to come out to speak about Shropshire's response to welfare reforms.

"Duncan Kerr will then speak about the people's response to these."

The group's well-attended first meeting looked at adult care centres in Oswestry. It emerged fewer people would receive care at the new day centre in the future under a shake-up of the service.

Son calls for public inquiry on mother's care home death

A MAN whose mother's death in a care home was partially caused by neglect has called for a full public inquiry into the scandal.

And Russell Tucker has said it is time for the Government to place every care home into state control, claiming some private homes were putting "profits before care".

The father-of-four from West Felton near Oswestry was talking after an inquest heard harrowing details of how his 77-year-old mother Margaret died after suffering unexplained injuries.

Mrs Tucker was one of five residents who died at Orchid View Care Home in Copthorne in West Sussex from natural causes, attributed to by neglect. West Sussex coroner Penelope Schofield returned the verdict on the five residents after a five-week inquest.

by Iain St John

Margaret Tucker

The inquest was called to look into the deaths of a total of 19 residents at the home, with the coroner ruling that neglect contributed to five deaths.

The West Sussex coroner said the home, then run by Southern Cross, was "mismanaged and understaffed".

She has also criticised the Care Quality Commission, which gave the home a "good" rating in 2010, a year before it closed down.

A serious case review has now begun into the elderly residents' deaths.

But a serious case review will not go far enough into revealing who was at fault for the scandal, according to 53-year-old Mr Tucker.

Mr Tucker, a divorced maintenance man, said only a public inquiry would allow prosecutions to be brought against those responsible for the poor care at the home.

Mr Tucker said: "I don't want to go into detail about what we were told about what happened to mum because it is too harrowing but, for example, she had a fractured ankle which went unnoticed.

"When she died she had an indent on her forehead the size of a 50p piece. It was never explained.

"A serious case review will not bring any prosecutions. We also urgently need to look at how we care for our elderly and I really think it is time for David Cameron to bring in a new law bringing the control of all care homes out of the private sector and into state control.

"The last two years have been a nightmare. It has been a very difficult time because we all just want to know what really happened to our mum."

Russell Tucker from Oswestry whose mother Margaret Tucker, died while in care. *Picture: Peter Shah.*

Coroner's verdict welcomed

LAWYERS acting for Russell Tucker said they welcome the coroner's verdict that his mother died from natural causes, attributed to by neglect.

And bosses at GHP Legal say they intend to bring a claim against Southern Cross, the firm which operated Orchid View Care Home in West Sussex where his mother Margaret was a resident.

Mr Tucker has been represented by the firm's personal injury and clinical negligence specialists.

Mrs Tucker was a resident at Orchid View Care Home and died in July 2011.

The care home was closed and other residents were moved. An investigation by West Sussex Social Services found the care home guilty of neglect.

Speaking after the five-week inquest in Horsham, Mr John Hulme, a partner of GHP Legal, said: "The last two years have been a dreadful time for Russell and his family, but they feel the coroner has returned the appropriate verdict.

"The coroner was extremely critical of the appalling level of care provided at Orchid View, which she described as a disgrace.

"In the coroner's view, there were unacceptable failings at the nursing, managerial and corporate levels.

"It is now our intention to bring a claim against Southern Cross, which we very much hope will be resolved amicably, sooner rather than later. There may yet be a public inquiry."

Optician launches new eye service

A NEW service has been launched at an opticians aimed at reducing demand on GPs and speed up how quickly eye conditions are assessed.

Specsavers in Bailey Street, Oswestry, is one of a number of opticians across the region which has been accredited under the Primary Eyecare and Assessment Referral Service.

Funded by the NHS in Shropshire and Telford, customers who are suffering from a range of eye conditions are now entitled to free assessments at the store.

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Darryl Pyper, optometrist and store director, said: "This is a very valuable service we are able to offer customers."

AM backs event

MONTGOMERYSHIRE AM Russell George joined the fight against breast cancer by taking part in Breast Cancer Campaign's Wear it Pink Day. He said: "Every year in Wales around 2,500 women are diagnosed with breast cancer, along with around 13 men."

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New boss at Aintree is wife of MP Owen

Rose Paterson

THE wife of north Shropshire's MP has been appointed the new chairman of the world famous Aintree Racecourse.

Rose Paterson will take over from Lord Daresbury who is standing down from the position after 25 years.

Mrs Paterson, wife of Environment Secretary Owen Paterson, has been a non-executive director of Aintree's racecourse committee since 2005.

She has been involved with horses and horseracing all her life, including a stint as stable staff in Newmarket before attending Cambridge University.

Mrs Paterson said: "It is a privilege to succeed Peter Daresbury as chairman of Aintree after the next Crabbie's Grand National.

"Thanks to his inspired leadership and commitment over the past 25 years, this great course has never been in better shape."

Committee's praise for work of youth groups

A CELEBRATION of some of the achievements of young people in Oswestry has been staged in the town.

Part of last Thursday night's Oswestry Local Joint Committee was handed over to various youth groups operating in the area.

by Iain St John

Committee chairman Councillor Vince Hunt told the meeting, at The Centre in Oak Street, he wanted to allow the Oswestry youngsters to outline some of the positive initiatives they were involved in.

He said: "We have some fantastic young people in Oswestry and many of them go unnoticed and unheard."

He added it was appropriate the celebration was being staged at Oswestry's new youth facility.

He said The Centre had opened about 12 months ago and had already proved to be a key asset to the town's youth.

Mr Hunt said: "It is wonderful it is being used by young people and we are here really to celebrate these young people."

The Kinokulture cinema recently helped youngsters launch a film club.

Ruth Carter from the group said the film club was one of several initiatives the group was involved in.

She said: "One of the first things we did was help them set up the film club and support them in getting the equipment they needed.

"It is free and is successful. Film Club is a national organisation to support film screenings for youth organisations."

Kinokulture was also involved in teaching youngsters the art of film making.

Councillor Hunt spoke on behalf of the Oswestry Youth Council and its work.

He said: "There had been a youth council many years ago but it kind of fell by the wayside.

"It was revamped two to three years ago and they do a superb job.

"It allows young people to have a say in what they want Oswestry to be."

The meeting was treated to a drum and percussion performance by the Urban Pulse music workshop.

Presentations were given by Oswestry Youth Cafe, the leadership group from the Marches School, Oswestry Library and the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

Torchlight procession through the streets

From left, Rotarian Geoff Barre, Oswestry Mayor Chris Schofield and Rotary President Merrick Corfield.

PREPARATIONS are being made for a colourful torchlight procession through the streets of Oswestry.

The festivities are being organised by Borderland Rotary Club for the fourth year running.

The procession will see more than 200 people march through town to the annual bonfire and fireworks display at Brogyntyn Park next to Oswestry Fire Station on Mount Road.

This year's celebration is on Saturday and is again in association with the town's Treble Niners group which raises money to help firefighters.

Production of the 250 torches has started and Oswestry Mayor Chris Schofield met Rotary members to check out some of the torches already made for the event.

Councillor Schofield will ignite the first rows of torches and then walk with lantern-carrying students from Derwen College.

Torches are available from about 6pm at the muster point in Festival Square for a minimum donation of £1 with the money going to the Firefighters Charity. The parade is at 6.30pm.

Rotarian Mike Lade said "We are very grateful to Richard Burbidge's for the supply of the torch sticks and we hope for another dry night for this spectacular display of fire along Church Street and Willow Street."

The procession will be lead by 12 students from the Derwen College.

Reserve opens up learning centre

A NEW £92,000 learning centre and bird hide have been officially opened at a nature reserve.

The centre and hide have been created at the Wood Lane Nature Reserve off the A528 near Ellesmere.

School children and a group of about 50 VIPs, including councillors and trustees of Shropshire Wildlife Trust, visited the new facilities at an official unveiling ceremony last Thursday.

The learning centre will provide people with the chance to learn more about the environment.

The hide, which was officially named Heron Hide by the winner of a children's competition, will provide visitors with an uninterrupted view of the wetland.

Stuart Edmunds, from Shropshire Wildlife Trust, said: "It has gone really well.

"We have had kids here from Lawley Primary School in Telford, one of which one a competition to name the hide.

"The reaction from the kids has been excellent."

Mr Edmunds said the new hide is the first of its kind to be fitted with a living bog roof, while the adjoining classroom area will be available as a multifunctional community facility.

"The new hide has been installed to replace the existing Shelduck Hide."

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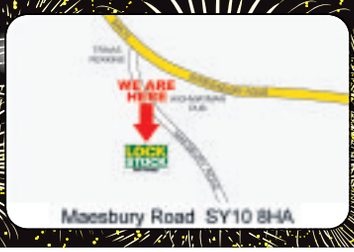

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Welsh rugby legend JPR in town to help club's appeal

WELSH rugby legend JPR Williams has helped a rugby club raise thousands of pounds towards their new changing rooms.

The former Welsh and Lions fullback regaled a sell-out audience at the Berriew Community Centre with tales of his sporting life during the 1970s, the golden era of Welsh Rugby.

He was there to help Welshpool Rugby Club, and told eager listeners how he gave up his career as an orthopaedic surgeon to play for his country, returning to medicine when he retired from the sport in 1981. Andrew Thomas, social organiser for Welshpool Rugby Club, said the Sunday lunchtime fundraiser had been fantastic.

by Graham Breeze

"After his talk he did a question and answer session with particularly the older members – to whom he is a legend – having lots of questions for him.

"It also seemed that the whole room wanted their photograph taken with him."

Mr Thomas said the money raised by the event would tip into the thousands.

"Our auction of memorabilia went very well. We had an old Welsh rugby shirt and an old Lions shirt, both signed by JPR, that each went for £300."

The event was part of a fundraising appeal for an extension to the rugby club on the town's recreation ground.

"We worked very hard to raise money for two new pitches and it's brilliant that we have such a good set up here. We now have a range of teams including several junior teams and women's teams. But we still only have one set of changing rooms," he said.

"It will be a long haul to raise the money but we have to start somewhere."

One of those at the event was Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies a former player for Welshpool Rugby Club.

"For Welsh ex-players of a certain age, JPR is up there with the gods," he said. "It was a pleasure and honour to chat with him."

Welshpool RFC held an afternoon with Welsh and British Lions legend JPR Williams. Back, organiser Andrew Thomas and first team coach, Dave Roberts, front, Glyn Davies, MP for Montgomeryshire, JPR Williams, and first team captain, Joe Stranks. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

Teacher takes on US race for charity

AFTER successfully completing the London Marathon in April, the time has come for Welshpool teacher Dewi Owen to cross the Atlantic and attempt the New York route.

Sunday will see him line up with thousands of other runners hoping to complete the 26.2 mile route around New York's five boroughs, eventually finishing in Central Park.

Dewi has already raised more than £1,000 for the charity Save the Children, and is hoping to double that amount with the New York run.

Save the Children has a strong historical connection with Shropshire and the borders. Its founder, Eglantyne Jebb, was born in 1876 in Ellesmere and grew up on her family's estate.

Today, Save the Children works in more than 120 countries, including the UK. Save the Children is dedicated to saving lives.

To sponsor Dewi visit: **www.justgiving.com/Dewi-nyc2013,** text 'NYCM60 £5' to 70070.

Reunion event

A JOINT reunion event for the Welshpool St Mary's Players and St Mary's Singers is to be held at the Church House Welshpool on Sunday, December 1 from 2.30pm.

Market stalls will sell treats from Europe

MARKET stalls showing off wares from across Europe will visit Welshpool.

Stallholders from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland and other nations will set up from 9am to 5pm on November 17 as part of a town council scheme to boost trade.

At a similar event earlier this year, hundreds of people flocked to the town on what would normally be a quiet Sunday and it is hoped the same will happen again. Olivier Simonin, market operator, said he was looking forward to setting up in the town again.

He added: "Welshpool town centre will be transformed into a bustling market place as professional continental market traders from France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Holland, Poland and many more countries will be wearing traditional costumes and selling high quality products. "

Athlete launches nutrition venture

WELSH international fencer and amateur boxer David Gregory has turned young entrepreneur and launched a new sports nutrition venture in Welshpool.

The 25-year-old athlete says that with obesity at a record high in Wales he wants to help people to understand more about nutrition.

Currently training for the Glasgow Commonwealth Games next summer, when he hopes to represent Wales at fencing, David also has his sights set on turning professional in his boxing career.

He says Powys Protein, in Puzzle Square, offers more than simply protein powders for both muscular weight gain and fat loss.

"With obesity at a record high in Wales, I think the general understanding of the importance of a healthy diet is becoming more and more prominent.

"While exercise is certainly advantageous, the way we eat literally makes up who we are and how we feel," he said.

"The focus of my business is to promote a healthy lifestyle by providing expert knowledge and suitable products at affordable prices."

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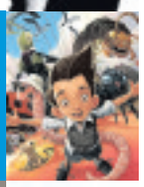

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Thousands join debate on hourly train service

by Graham Breeze

MORE than 6,500 people responded to a consultation into plans to provide an hourly train service between Shrewsbury and Mid Wales.

Welsh Assembly chiefs had been anticipating 400 replies during the three week consultation into the need for an hourly rail service from Aberystwyth to Shrewsbury, calling at Welshpool and Newtown.

But Robert Robinson, Welshpool Town Council clerk and secretary of the Shrewsbury-Aberystwyth Railway Liaison Committee, told members of the town council that he was confident there would be an announcement next month.

Mr Robinson, said: "I met Welsh Assembly Transport Minster Edwina Hart's officers in Shrewsbury and the survey is now complete.

"Mrs Hart was expecting 400 replies to it and that would have gone down as a good sample for this purpose.

"We had 6,500, with 4,000 completed by hand and a further 2,500 online, which is fantastic.

"I can't say too much at the moment, but what I can say is that on single commuter lines in the rush hours, if the surveys are to be believed, usage would increase by 370 per cent if the hourly service was introduced.

"This is overwhelming evidence that we need this service. I am now going to meet Mrs Hart's office again in a week's time and then I will meet her on November 19 and she will be looking to make an announcement on the future of the service later that month.

"My thanks go to Welshpool town councillors Estelle Blievas, Hazel Evans, John Morgan and Malcolm Douglass who actually went onto the trains themselves and asked passengers to fill in forms."

Walkers hand over cash

Representatives of three charities received their cheques at the Glyndwr's Way Monument watched by supporters of the three walkers.

THE fundraising efforts of two teenagers and one mum came to fruition when they handed over the proceeds of their marathon summer charity walk.

Megan Charman and Katie Harding, both 15, spent two weeks of their summer holidays from Caereinion High School walking the Glyndwr's Way national trail.

Megan's mum Rosemary joined them to take on the 135-mile route, which weaves its way from Knighton across the countryside, initially down to Llanidloes and west to Machynlleth then north to Lake Vyrnwy, reaching a maximum height of 1,530ft at Foel Fadian, before finishing in Welshpool. The trio completed their sponsored effort on August 11 and since have been collecting in money pledged by many supporters. In total they raised £2,233 for their nominated charities the British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research and the Stroke Association.

Representatives of the three charities received their cheques at the Glyndwr's Way Monument, which is at the end of the trail in Welshpool.

Megan, who originally came up with the idea, said they were delighted to have raised so much for their charities. "We would like to thank everyone who contributed."

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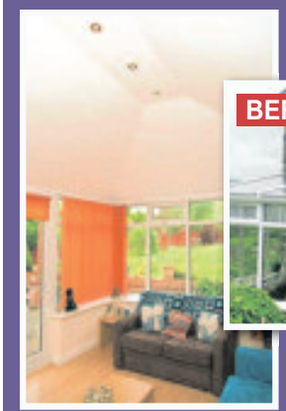

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NEWS

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Railway bosses in track work to improve access

BOSSES at a rail group say they are working with disability rights campaigners to improve access across the railway.

Part of the line in Oswestry has been cemented in at Coney Green to provide a flatter surface to allow motorised scooters to pass over more easily.

by Iain St John

But bosses at the Cambrian Heritage Railways have issued a reassurance that the cement work will not affect their long held ambitions to fully reopen the route.

They say the cement used will simply crumble once the trains pass over the railway.

The Coney Green crossing has been a particular problem for motorised scooters to pass over in the past, with several disabled people saying they had got their wheels stuck in the rails.

Roger Date from the Cambrian Heritage Railways said the paving work will help address the problem.

He said: "We have been working with Oswestry Access Group which asked us to have a look at the site.

"There have been problems there in the past and the work has come through Shropshire Council.

"It is just very lean concrete which has been put down.

"The trains are not running at the moment so we are happy to help with the access problems there and work with Oswestry Access Group.

"The cement will just crumble away when the trains start going over it and using the line again.

"It won't cause any damage because it is lean cement which will just crumble and fall into the gaps in the railway. It means access will be improved."

Mr Date said the group was still working hard on its ambitious plans to re-establish a rail link from Oswestry to Gobowen.

He said the group was pleased to support plans by the Wrekin Housing Trust to transform a former coal-yard near Gobowen railway station.

The housing organisation wants to build 22 homes.

He said: "It is a very good project and there has been consultation on it.

"It fits in with our plans. I think an application will be going in very shortly and work could start in March or April."

Top tips on offer for waste reduction

AS autumn approaches, Powys County Council and Waste Awareness Wales have some top tips for a waste free autumn.

The seasonal change brings about many transformations around the home and garden that can lead to excess waste. From changing your summer wardrobe for something warmer to discarding plants at the end of their lives. Achieving minimal waste can be possible with a few simple tips.

Many of your plants and vegetables are coming to the end of their lives and will need clearing. Take advantage of these discarded items and turn them into a nutrient-rich soil enhancer by composting them in your garden.

Councillor Barry Thomas, Cabinet Member for Waste and Recycling, said: "Powys County Council offer compost bins at a greatly discounted price of £10 if collected from a Household Waste and Recycling Centre or £15 delivered to your door (call 0845 6027035 to order).

"You'll be amazed how green your garden grows when the compost is ready in about 18 months."

If you are wondering what to do with your home-grown leftover pumpkins and squashes, try making a wholesome soup. Recipes at **http://wales.lovefoodhatewaste.com**

Pupils demonstrate public speaking skills

Pupils from Oswestry School took the opportunity to demonstrate their public speaking skills at the Shropshire Festival of Verse and Prose.

PUPILS from Oswestry School demonstrated their public speaking skills at a festival of verse and prose.

Pupils from Years 3 to 11 took part in the recent Shropshire Festival of Verse and Prose which was an opportunity to build on public speaking confidence and success already demonstrated in ESB and LAMDA exams earlier this year.

Kyle Phillips (Year 11) took part in the public speaking class and won for the fourth year in a row. He also entered the Moreton Hall Shield, presenting a famous speech with a brief explanation, with 12 other competitors and was third.

Public speaking success also came to pupils in Year 7 & 8. Matthew Cooper and Jenny Cyffin Jones spoke knowledgeably about their chosen subjects, and were placed first and second respectively.

Acting and reading skills were also rewarded in the Duomime, duologue and prose reading classes. Luke Gambroudes and Daniel Counter (Year 6) won third place, Beth Williams Phoebe Munford were third in the Year 7, 8 and 9 class and Ruby Read was third for her extract from the 'Diary of Adrian Mole aged 13¾'.

Mrs Mandy Price, drama teacher, said: "I am very proud of how the pupils who took part conducted themselves. I felt that they shared their poetry, prose and drama skills with clarity and confidence."

Farmers' club has cash for charities

WHITTINGTON and Oswestry Young Farmers have been doing their bit for local charities in the last year.

In addition to carol singing at Christmas, they completed a 44-mile, 12 hour "Mini Push" around Oswestry Showground.

The members, who took it in turn pushing the Mini, manning the barbecue and running the tombola raised the grand sum of £2,080 which was split evenly between Severn Hospice and Hope House.

The money was raised by sponsorship as well as a number of very generous local companies.

Matt Jones, chairman said: "We're proud that such a substantial amount of cash was raised for two great charities, and I am very grateful that we have such a good group of members who are dedicated to raising money for good causes.

If you're interested in joining Whittington and Oswestry Young Farmers see **www.facebook.com/whittington.oswestryyfc**

Drop-in session

AN Oswestry Town councillor is to hold a surgery. Rebecca Evans of Oswestry's Maserfield Ward will be holding a drop-in session at The Guildhall on Saturday from 11am-12pm

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Ideas discussed regarding future of vacant building

OSWESTRY Town Council should think twice before getting involved in any project to use a vacant building next to the town's library for the public's benefit, a meeting was told.

The Friends of Oswestry Library accepted that its idea to convert the building, which once housed the town's library, into a 150-seat cinema, were probably not feasible. But the group says it still wants the building to be opened up for public use, possibly through a community asset transfer.

Members say it could be used to accommodate Shropshire Council staff after the proposed sale of Shrewsbury's Shirehall or to host a community "hub" offering council services.

by Sue Austin

However, at Oswestry Town Council's meeting, Councillor Gareth Jones said he believed it was Shropshire Council that should take responsibility for the building as it belonged to the unitary authority.

"I do not think we should get involved – it is not our building," he said.

In a letter to the town council, Steve Haworth, from the Friends of Oswestry Library, said various ideas had been put forward by the group.

Funding

"Since then our advice suggests that none of the rooms would be suitable for a cinema or theatre, as they are just not high enough to allow for a film/stage above an audience.

"Other ideas, such as the incorporation of the "hub" and/or additional council office space to offset the Shirehall sale and/or use as a public contact, training venue for local vocational students in some capacity, have been suggested. Such a venture might assist by providing additional funding towards the upkeep of the building. Of course we recognise that this building is clearly a Shropshire Council property and we cannot sensibly go too far in making suggestions without support from Shropshire Council."

Town councillors agreed to invite Mr Howarth to a meeting on November 5 to hear more about the Friends' plans.

Friends drop cinema plan

CAMPAIGNERS have admitted plans to turn a vacant building next to a town library into a 150-seat cinema or theatre are probably not feasible.

But the Friends of Oswestry Library say they still want the building to be opened up for public use, possibly through a community asset transfer.

The group announced its cinema plans during the summer but after taking advice the cinema plan is probably not possible.

They say the building in Arthur Street could still be used for the public's benefit whether it is to accommodate Shropshire Council staff after the proposed sale of Shrewsbury's Shirehall or to host a community "hub" offering council services.

In a letter to town councillors, Steve Haworth from the Friends of Oswestry Library said:"We still believe the old library is a considerable asset, and, which presumably remains a burden on the public purse because heating and maintenance."

Students' mufti day cash goes to charity

STUDENTS from Oswestry raised money through a non-uniform day to buy eight potentially life-saving pillows.

Members of Whittaker house at the Marches School chose to donate funds to Epilepsy Sucks during their fundraising half term.

They took part in a non-uniform day, which raised £387.13, and have now presented a cheque to charity representative Karl Evans, who is also a teaching assistant at the school.

The money will be used by the charity to buy special Sleep-Safe pillows which are designed to allow air to reach the nose and mouth even if someone has buried their face in the pillow during an epileptic seizure.

Mr Evans said: "The pillows are £50 each so this generous donation from The Marches School will enable eight to be purchased.

"This means, there will now be eight families who can sleep better at night."

Team support

YOUNG footballers will be supporting Hope House Children's Hospice after having the charity's logo printed on their shirts.

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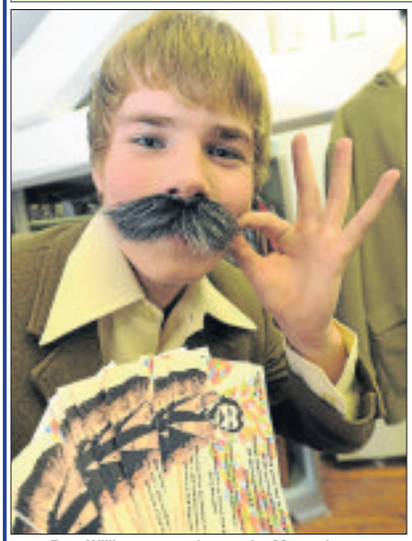

Row Williamson getting set for Movember at Established in Oswestry.

RETRO moustaches were the theme as an Oswestry shop launched its "gentleman's room" this week.

Established, in Beatrice Street, is joining in the nationwide Movember charity initiative by sponsoring every man who takes part in its own competition.

Those getting involved will have to nip into the shop to pick up a Movember sponsor form and have a photograph taken of them clean shaven.

"They then have to return on November 30 to have their 'tash' photographed," Liz Williams, from Established, said.

The photos will go on a "wall of Tashes" in the shop, which sells retro clothes and household goods, with customers asked to vote for the best three who will win prizes and be entered into the national competition.

Movember raises money and awareness for men's health and prostate cancer.

Mrs Williams said Established would also be donating five per cent of its takings on November 2 to the charity.

Worry as bikers 'hit 120mph' in town

CALLS have been made for a crackdown on speeding in Llanfyllin amid claims some bikers were hitting 120mph as they roar through.

Llanfyllin Town Councillors say they want to see speed strips on the road out of the town to gauge how fast motorists were going.

The action was taken after the councillors received complaints about speeders.

Mayor Ann Williams told the town council the complaints centred on the speed of motorists as they left the town and headed towards the Welshpool and Llanfechain direction.

Mrs Williams said she had taken the matter up with the local police who advised her to contact the traffic police in Newtown.

She said she had been advised by the police that the first step is for Llanfyllin Town Council to contact Powys County Council to ask for speed strips to be installed in the road.

The strips will record the speed of traffic. She said the council could then pass the results to police who would look at taking action.

Councillor Peter Lewis said his main concern was the safety of children from Llanfyllin High School crossing the road.

Councillors agreed to contact the county council about speed strips.

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The new kitchen team are busy working behind the scenes to ensure food is served piping hot, tasty and of course excellent value for money.

The Sunday Carvery keeps getting busier and busier each week and feedback from the new menu has been very positive.

Part of the menu includes larger plate eating challenges, referred to as the "Man Up" section. The regulars have already started taking part in these challenges, similar to those seen on the cult TV series "Man v Food".

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The Farmers' Union of Wales autumn conference at Aberystwyth Art Centre on November 25 will look at advances in technology and research.

Philip Meade, of Davis Meade Property Consultants in Oswestry will talk about renewable energy while a representative from Harper Adams Energy Ltd will talk about the anaerobic digestion unit at the university in Shropshire.

Claim a golden marathon ticket

LIKE Willy Wonka, runners can claim a golden ticket for the 2014 Virgin London Marathon.

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MP pays visit

MONTGOMERYSHIRE MP Glyn Davies has visited Imperial College in London to see the work being carried out on tackling neurological diseases.

New Deepcut inquest legal bid brings hope to parents

A COUPLE from Llanymynech say they hope calls by campaign group Liberty for a new inquest into the death of their Army recruit daughter will at last get to the truth of how she died.

Des and Doreen James have spent years battling for a fresh inquest for their daughter, Cheryl, who was 18 when she was found dead from gunshot wounds at the Deepcut Army barracks in Surrey in 1995. An inquest gave an open verdict on her death.

It later emerged that she was one of four recruits to die of gunshot wounds at the barracks from 1995 to 2002, and the families of all four have been calling for a full public inquiry.

By Graham Breeze

Campaign group Liberty have lodged an application with the Attorney General for consent to apply for a new inquest into Cheryl's death.

The group made the move after using the Human Rights Act to gain access to 44 volumes of statements, documents, notes and photographs.

Evidence

Liberty says the material contains significant forensic evidence that has never before been properly examined and suggests important witnesses may have lied.

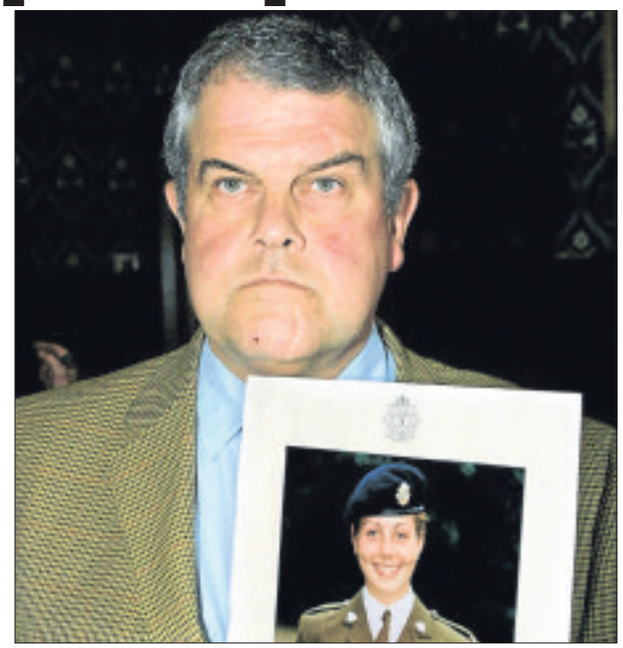
Mr James said: "We are quite confident there is enough evidence to allow a new inquest to be held. There is evidence that we have not seen before.

"It will take a few months we believe for the Attorney General to make a decision.

"We're disappointed it has taken close to 18 years for us to even get disclosure of the evidence.

"No family should ever have to go through what we've experienced, and the fact there still has never been any meaningful inquiry into the four deaths at Deepcut remains a stain on the integrity of everyone involved."

Emma Norton, legal officer for Liberty, said: "Until what happened to these young people at Deepcut is competently, calmly and independently investigated, justice will not be done."



Des James with a picture of his daughter Cheryl James.

Concern over surgery plans

PATIENTS in Montgomeryshire could be affected by health bosses' plans over non-urgent surgery at four Welsh hospitals.

Hywel Dda Health Board said it will not carry out some elective orthopaedic operations such as hip and knee replacements while dealing with increased pressure on services over the winter.

Hospitals in Carmarthen, Haverfordwest, Llanelli and Aberystwyth, which is used by some patients living in Llanidloes and further west, will be affected.

The news has been greeted with concern by Russell George, Montgomeryshire AM, who said: "I have been raising my fears in the National Assembly of a Welsh NHS in crisis due to significant cuts imposed by the Welsh Government and it looks like my fears are coming to fruition with more and more people waiting and now it seems, more and more operations being cancelled.

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Those taking part in a Powys County Council survey on its customer service will be placed in a draw to win an iPad Mini.

Powys County Council is looking at new ways of working in its customer service department in a bid to help address the council's budget shortfall.

Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe, the authority's cabinet member with special responsibility for customer service, said he hoped people would spare 10 minutes to take part in the online questionnaire.

The survey can be found at **www.powys.gov.uk/haveyoursay** and closes at midnight on November 3.

Councillor Ratcliffe said: "We are embarking on a process to transform service provision in many areas. This will allow us to do the same or where possible, more, for less money.

"In order to achieve this, we will be looking at new ways of delivering services via our telephone contact centre, our customer service points and our registration service.

"We'd like to find out how these changes would affect you."

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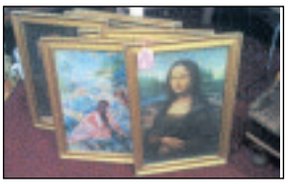

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Property

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Exclusive six-bed home overlooks cricket ground

An immaculate six-bedroom home overlooking Oswestry Cricket Ground is on the market with Bowen Son & Watson.

Set in generous grounds of around half an acre, Kiromi, Morda Road, Oswestry, is for sale at a guide price of £625,000.

The property was built about 10 years ago on an exclusive development, and the flexible living accommodation comprises light and spacious rooms spread over three floors, all accessed off a stunning glazed atrium.

The sitting room and dining area overlook the rear garden. The adjoining lounge has a large recessed fireplace with a gas-fired stove, while an entertainment system houses a flat screen TV and surround sound speakers.

The kitchen/breakfast room includes integrated appliances and a central island, and double doors from the family room lead into the formal dining area. A utility room houses an integrated vacuum cleaner system, and there are two cloaks/wcs.

The first floor includes the master suite with wardrobes and an ensuite bathroom, two further double bedrooms with wardrobes and a study/bedroom six plus another bathroom.

On the second floor is a guest bedroom with dressing area and ensuite, and fifth bedroom with adjoining shower room.

There are attractively landscaped gardens with a large terrace area to the rear, a gated driveway, large double garage and log cabin.

Call Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367 or visit www.bowensonandwatson.co.uk

Mews house would be an ideal first-time buy

A two-bedroom mid mews property priced at just £99,950 with no upward chain represents a fantastic investment or first time buy, say selling agents Town & Country. Number 34 Ashlands Road, Weston Rhyn, has gas central heating and uPVC double glazing and comprises a lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom and two bedrooms.

There is off road parking to the front and a lawned rear garden. Local amenities and schools are close at hand, as well as easy connection to major road networks. Viewing is highly recommended by the agents, who can be contacted on 01691 679631 or by visiting the website www.townandcountryoswestry.com

Family semi just a short walk from centre of town

On the market with Halls, 18 Woodside, Welshpool, is a three-bedroom semi-detached home within a short walk of the town centre.

The accommodation includes an entrance lobby, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen and inner lobby on the ground floor, with three bedrooms and a family bathroom on the first floor.

To the rear of the house is a concrete area with raised lawned terraces and a retaining wall. There are three brick built storage sheds and an outside wc. The property includes double glazing and gas-fired central heating, and is priced at £110,000.

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Property

Stylish new homes available through Help to Buy scheme

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Pickstock Homes has almost 30 years' experience in providing quality homes in Shropshire and the surrounding area. In September this year Pickstock Homes became an authorised agent for the government's Help to Buy scheme.

The Carriages on Gobowen Road, Oswestry, was developed by Pickstock Homes for people wanting a more modern property in the town.

The development comprises of two-bedroom apartments and three-bedroom town houses built to a high specification throughout.

The living space within both the apartments and town houses are very spacious due to their open plan design. The living room, dining room and contemporary kitchen offer a mass of open space made incredibly light by the large windows that span the properties.

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The master bedroom is capacious with room for a double bed and snug area. It has an ensuite shower room as well as a balcony that takes in views of Oswestry and the surrounding countryside. The second bedrooms are also spacious, as is the third bedroom in the town houses, which are ideal for a home office or children's playroom.

The family bathroom is fully tiled with modern chrome fittings giving a clean and contemporary look. Other benefits to the apartment and town houses are the security entry system and intercom, TV and satellite points in all rooms, cloakroom and gas central heating.

What is really special about the three-bedroom town houses is that they span three storeys and boast floor-to-ceiling glazing.

The third floor is a haven for parents wanting to have their own space, as the master bedroom with ensuite and balcony takes in the whole of the top floor, a great escape!

The Carriages development, Gobowen Road, Oswestry, offers two and three-bedroom houses and apartments

Hannah, who lives at The Carriages with her husband and small child, said: "We love the open plan living at The Carriages together with the light and airy feel. The finish is to a very high standard, the specification is beyond what we thought our budget could stretch to and we find the location perfect for the shops, parks and restaurants. Pickstock Homes made the whole process very smooth and we were impressed by their attention to detail."

Now is a great time to buy a property at The Carriages. With the Help to Buy scheme you can move int for as little as £5,750 (figure based on a two-bedroom apartment).

Help to Buy equity loans are open to both first-time buyers and home movers on new-build houses or apartments in England worth up to £600,000.

The scheme works by the home owner contributing at least five per cent of the property price. The government will then loan up to 20 per cent of the property's value, interest free for the first five years, enabling the buyer to secure a deposit.

Prices start at £115,000. Call Camilla at Pickstock Homes on 01691 677940 to arrange a tour of The Carriages, or log on to the website www.pickstockhomes.com

An apartment shower room boasts high quality fittings

A spacious open plan living/dining room

This stylish bedroom has patio doors to a balcony

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£390 PCM £550 Deposit
Mid-terraced townhouse with kitchen, bathroom, 2 bedrooms, sitting room, on street parking.
Standard tenant application fees are £150 plus VAT, plus bank status enquiry fee will be charged separately by the bank.
Please call 01691 655334.
EPC rating F

Oswestry Town Centre
£365 PCM £550 Deposit
Newly refurbished apartment with bedroom, kitchen, living room, bathroom, electric heating.
Standard tenant application fees are £150 plus VAT, plus bank status enquiry fee will be charged separately by the bank.
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EPC rating TBC

Maesbury Marsh, Oswestry
£400 PCM £600 Deposit
End terrace cottage, the accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, sitting room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, 2 bedrooms, small garden, parking.
Standard tenant application fees are £150 plus VAT, plus bank status enquiry fee will be charged separately by the bank.
Please call 01691 655334.
EPC rating E

Maesbury Marsh, Oswestry
£410 PCM £600 Deposit
Mid-terraced cottage with two bedrooms, bathroom with shower, kitchen, sitting room, living room, gardens and parking
Standard tenant application fees are £150 plus VAT, plus bank status enquiry fee will be charged separately by the bank.
Please call 01691 655334.
EPC rating E

Oaklands Road, Chirk Bank
£550 PCM £650 Deposit
A semi detached property with a pretty garden, three bedrooms and family bathroom, sitting room with log burner, kitchen and parking.
Standard tenant application fees are £150 plus VAT, plus bank status enquiry fee will be charged separately by the bank.
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3 BED DORMA BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING F
OIRO £229,950

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NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING E
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NO CHAIN
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Whittington Oswestry **1 PEVEREL DRIVE**
4 BED DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
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OIRO £199,950

Weston Rhyn Oswestry **49 LONG CROFT**
3/ 4 BED DET HOUSE
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CONSERVATORY
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Oswestry **66 UPPER CHURCH STREET**
3 BED TOWN HOUSE
NO CHAIN
KITCHEN/DINER
EPC TBC
OIRO £174,950

Oswestry **2 UPPER WELL CLOSE**
3 BED TOWN HOUSE
NO CHAIN
DOWNSTAIRS WC
EPC RATING C
OIRO £169,995

Treflach Oswestry **4 OFFA HOUSE**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
MOTIVATED SELLER
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3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
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GAS CENTRAL HEATING
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3 BED DET HOUSE
KITCHEN/ DINER
EN SUITE MASTER BEDROOM
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Oswestry **12 BERESFORD GARDENS**
2 BED MID TERRACE
NO CHAIN
MODERN KITCHEN/DINER
EPC RATING C
OIRO £154,950

Gobowen Oswestry **8 TRINITY CLOSE**
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
KITCHEN/DINER
EN-SUITE MASTER BEDROOM
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OIRO £149,950

Gobowen Oswestry **11 PERRY VIEW**
2 BED DET BUNGALOW
UTILITY AREA
PVC D/G WHERE STATED
EPC RATING D
OIRO £144,950

Llanfyllin **RANDOM COTTAGE**
2 BED DET PROPERTY
NO CHAIN
KITCHEN/DINER
EPC RATING E
OIRO £124,950

West Felton **85 APPLEWOOD HEIGHTS**
3 BED END TERRACE
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
VILLAGE LOCATION
EPC RATING D
OIRO £123,950

Oswestry **12 HAWTHORN CLOSE**
2 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
CONSERVATORY
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
EPC RATING TBC
OIRO £119,950

Oswestry **20 LLYS ROAD**
2 BED END TERRACE HOUSE
KITCHEN/ DINER
EPC RATING D
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £115,950

Oswestry **3 REGENT COURT**
2 BED RETIREMENT PROPERTY
GROUND FLOOR
NO CHAIN
EPC RATING D
OIRO £114,950

Treflach Oswestry **SUNDORNE**
1/2 BED CHARACTER COTTAGE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING E
OIRO £114,950

Oswestry **61 YORK STREET**
2 BED MID TERRACE HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
EPC RATING E
OIRO £109,950

Oswestry **4 POWIS PLACE**
2/3 BED MID TERRACE HOUSE
NO CHAIN
TOWN LOCATION
EPC RATING F
OIRO £104,950

Oswestry **9 MINSHALL PLACE**
2 BED MAISONETTE
MODERN KITCHEN
DOUBLE GLAZED
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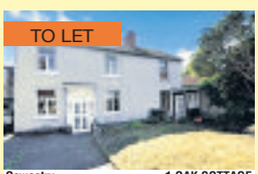

Oswestry **1 OAK COTTAGE**
2 BED PROPERTY
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
OFF ROAD PARKING
EPC RATING E
PCM £490

Oswestry **57 MONKMOOR ROAD**
2 BED SEMI-DET BUNGALOW
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
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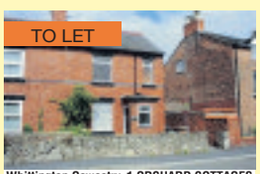

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EPC RATING E
PCM £425

Llansantffraid **FLAT 1,VYRNWYSIDE GARAGE**
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TWO BEDROOMS
NO PETS/ NO SMOKERS
EPC RATING E
PCM £400

Oswestry **4 NEWGATE COURT**
2 BED TERRACE HOUSE
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TOWN LOCATION
EPC RATING F
PCM £380

Oswestry **4 BRYNHAFOD ROAD**
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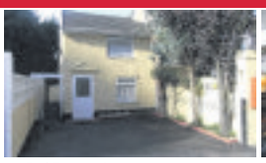

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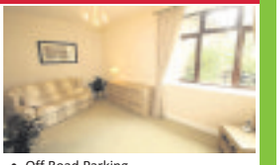

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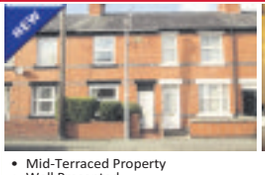

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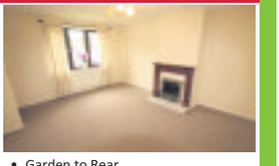

- NO CHAIN!!
- Semi-Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms. EPC D.
- Garden to Rear
- Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating

£120,000

GLYN CEIRIOG

- NO CHAIN
- Semi-Detached Cottage
- Two Bedroom
- Potential Holiday Let
- Views Over Ceiriog Valley
- Garden to Rear

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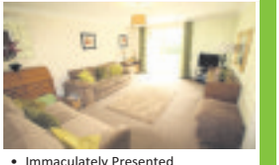

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- Three Bedrooms
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- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking. EPC D

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- Two Bedrooms
- Conservatory. EPC F.

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- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Enclosed Rear Gardens

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- Two Reception Rooms
- Double Glazing
- Town Centre Location
- Amenities Close to Hand
- Full of Character. EPC E

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LLANYMYNECH

- NO CHAIN
- End Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Gardens. EPC D
- Good Sized Garage

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OSWESTRY

- Modern End Mews
- Upgraded Interior
- Three Bedrooms (one ensuite)
- Close To Town Centre
- Nhbc Certificate
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- Detached Family Home
- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Bedrooms. EPC C
- Close To All Amenities
- En-Suite & Cloakroom
- Enclosed Lawned Garden

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OSWESTRY

- Detached Bungalow
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Garage and Driveway
- Enclosed Rear Garden

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- Three Bed Detached House
- Private Location
- Spacious Accommodation
- Edge Of Village Location

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- Three Reception Rooms
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- NO CHAIN
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- Well Maintained. EPC E
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- Edwardian Conservatory
- Landscaped Gardens

£199,950

LLANYMYNECH

- Spacious Terraced Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- Parking & Garage. EPC E
- Pretty Gardens
- Oil central heating
- Local amenities close at hand
- Viewing recommended
- Quiet Village Location

£215,000

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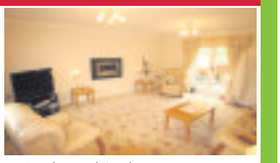

- Modern Detached Bungalow
- Spacious Interior
- Detached Double Garage
- Landscaped Gardens
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating

£220,000

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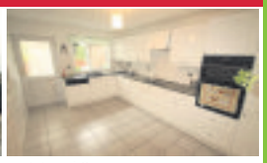

- Large Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Large Conservatory
- Integral Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Garden to Rear

£229,995

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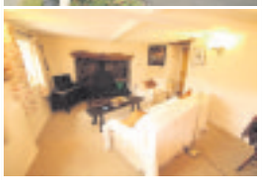


- Character Cottage
- Currently Run as B & B
- Three Bedrooms & Ensuites
- Many Original Features
- Renovated to a High Spec.
- Stunning Backdrop
- Three Reception Rooms
- Garage & Parking. EPC D.

£285,000

OSWESTRY

- Detached Family Home
- 4 Bedrooms
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Extended to the Rear
- Sought After Location
- Double Garage. E PC C

£239,950

MORDA

- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Views Over Fields To front
- Good Sized Conservatory
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Gas C/h & Upvc D/g

£239,950

LLWYN MAWR

- NO CHAIN!!!
- Semi-detached Cottage
- 2/3 Acre Gardens
- Outbuildings
- Oil Central Heating
- Upvc Double Glazing. EPC F.

£249,950

LLANYMYNECH

- FABULOUS POSITION
- Recently Updated
- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Set In Approx 1/4 Acre
- Garage and Cellar Storage

£249,950

TREFONEN

- Spacious Detached Bungalow
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Sitting in 1/3 Acre Plot. EPC D
- Integral Garage & Parking

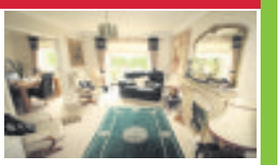
£265,000

PANT

- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms. EPC D
- End Cul de Sac Position
- Utility/Cloaks/En-Suite.

Reduced to £269,950

MAESBURY MARSH



- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Exclusive Development
- Double Garage & Parking
- Updated Interior. EPC F

£264,500

TREFLACH

- Detached Cottage
- Rural Location
- Close to Offas Dyke
- Updating Required
- Ample Parking & Garage
- No Chain. EPC F

£265,000

DOLYWERN

- Spacious Detached House
- Sought after Location
- Backing onto Fields
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Garage & parking. EPC D
- Gardens to Front and Rear

£269,500

GLYN CEIRIOG

- Delightful Country Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Parking and Garage. EPC E
- Backing Onto Open Fields
- Set In The Ceiriog Valley

£295,000

PANT

- STAMP DUTY INCENTIVE
- Detached Family Home
- Double Garage & Parking
- No Chain. EPC D

£279,000

OSWESTRY

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Solar Panels. EPC B
- Swimming Pool

£285,000

LLANRHAEADR YM

- Detached Former Farmhouse
- Rural Village Location
- One Third Of An Acre
- Four Beds & En Suite. EPC E

£299,950

MAESBROOK

- Large Detached House
- Five Bedrooms (Four Doubles)
- Three Reception Rooms
- Double Garage. EPC C

£332,000

TREGEIRIOG

- Three Bed Country Cottage
- Well Maintained
- Dating Back To 1857
- Landscaped Gardens. EPC F

£335,000

RHOS-Y-BRITHDIR

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms and Study
- Three Reception Rooms
- Garage. EPC D.

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- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage
- Good Sized Garden
- EPC Band

JJD075

£575

TREFLACH - TO LET

- Semi Detached Cottage
- Well Appointed
- Oil Fire CH/DG
- Entrance Hall
- Sitting Room
- Dining Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Parking for 2 Vehicles
- EPC Band

JJD024

£455

LLANYBLODWEL - TO LET

- Oil Fired CH/DG
- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- Rear Entrance/ Utiliy
- Two Bedrooms
- Useful Loft Room
- Storage
- EPC Band

JJD047

£575

GOBOWEN

- Close Care Residential Bungalow
- Central Heating/Dble. Glazing
- Lounge/Dining Area
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Large Bathroom
- Cloakroom
- Garage
- Rear Enclosed Paved Yard
- EPC Band - E

JJD821

£109,500

OSWESTRY

Attractive Victorian Terraced House.

- Partial Gas C/H
- 2 Reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen
- 2 Beds
- Modern bathroom
- Loft/bedroom 3
- Rear yard and garden
- EPC Band E

JJD710

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Detached House Occupying Pleasant Rural Position

- Opportunity for further improvement
- GFCH
- D/G & Secondary D/G
- Sitting Room & Living Room
- Dining Kitchen
- 3 Good Sized Bedrooms
- Garaging
- Good Sized Garden
- EPC Band D

JJD805

£239,000

LLANYMYNECH

- Detached Bungalow
- Large S/C Guest Suite/ Annex
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Two Large Conservatories
- Garage/Workshop
- Delightful Landscaped Garden
- Ample Parking
- Well Stocked Pond
- Approx. 2 acres in all
- EPC Band D

JJD817

£750,000

LLYNCLYS

Attractive Five Bedroomed Country House Overlooking the Shropshire Plain

- Two reception Rooms
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Laundry And Utility
- Cloakroom
- Bathroom And En-Suites
- Separate Pony Paddock
- Large Workshop
- EPC Band E

JJD775148863

£499,950

OSWESTRY

- UPVCD/G GFCH
- Cloakroom
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen & Utility
- 5 Beds 2 En-suite
- 2 Bathrooms
- Detached Double Garage
- Corner Plot
- EPC Band C

JJD828

£325,000

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- Dining And Sitting Room
- Study
- Sun Room
- Parking
- EPC Rating F

JJD815

£249,950

OSWESTRY

- Well Appointed Detached House
- GFCH & UPVC D/G
- Dining Kitchen
- Sitting Room
- Good Size Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Ample Parking
- Attractive Rear Garden
- Garage
- EPC Band -

JJD812

£135,000

GOBOWEN

Close Care Residential Bungalow on purpose-built complex

- C/H, D/G
- Lounge/Dining Area
- UPVC Conservatory
- Large Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms
- Rear Enclosed Paved Yard
- Garage
- Semi-Rural Location
- EPC Band D

JJD811

£109,500

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Offers in Region of £259,500

Hillside, Pant

Enjoying a delightful elevated position in close proximity to Llanymynech Golf Course with fine views over the village and Shropshire Plain beyond, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this individual 4 bedroom detached family home which briefly comprises: Reception Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, First Floor Landing, Four Bedrooms, Shower Room, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing where stated, Ample Off-Road Parking and Terraced Gardens. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING E.

Offers in Region of £220,000

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Brookhouse Road, Oswestry

Benefiting from a recently re-fitted bathroom and kitchen, two bedroom semi detached bungalow; Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired CH, Driveway, Garage & Gardens. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £125,000

Woolston Road, West Felton

Tastefully improved 2/3 bedroom detached bungalow offers excellent internal accommodation and a generous plot with surrounding countryside aspect with separate annexe bedroom, Gravel driveway, Garage and surrounding gardens. A must see property. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £270,000

Rednal, West Felton

3 bedroom detached character cottage which enjoys extensive gardens and surrounding countryside views. The property has the benefit of being sold with No Onward Chain, Driveway providing ample off-road parking. Early Viewing Recommended By The Owners Agents. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £335,000

Abernant, Acrefair

Offering scope for improvement yet offering the opportunity of purchasing a truly spacious family home, Richmond Harvey Properties are favoured with instructions of marketing 'Cemetery House' a mature detached residence which has the benefit of being sold with No Onward Chain. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £167,950

Victoria Road, Oswestry

Deceptively spacious character 4 bedroom Victorian town house with separate living space, Gated Driveway, large purpose built garage with useful storage over, Garden Room, Workshop/Store & Log Store. NO CHAIN! EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £289,500

Bentley Drive, Oswestry

●●INVESTORS ONLY●● 3 bedroom 3 storey town house with Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Gardens to front and rear, Parking and Garage. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING C

Offers in Region of £175,000

Upper Lord Street, Oswestry

2 bedroom end terraced town house which briefly comprises: Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Shower Room, Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Enclosed Yard to Rear. NO CHAIN. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £94,950

Coppice Drive, Oswestry

3 bed mature semi detached house which is situated near to Old Oswestry Hill Fort. PVC Double Glazing where stated, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway providing ample off road parking and generous rear garden. EPC RATING C

Offers in region of £129,950

Llys Close, Oswestry

Enjoying a pleasant tucked away position off Llys Close cul-de-sac, Richmond Harvey Properties are instructed to sell this extended one bedroom semi detached bungalow which offers scope for improvement yet offers an ideal investment or first time buyer opportunity. No Onward Chain. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £88,000

Wern, Weston Rhyn

A4 bedroom character detached family residence built circular 1803 which offers a wealth of character features with a separate Detached Garage which lends itself to conversion into a self contained apartment subject to the necessary consents. The property enjoys delightful mature gardens and grounds. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £599,950

Tregarthen Lane, Pant

Impressive 4/5 bedroom detached period residence which comprises: High Spec Fitted Kitchen opening into a lovely snug room with log burner and dining room, Further reception room/office, Ground Floor Bedroom and Shower Room, Master Bedroom with Dressing Area and Ensuite,Det. Double Garage. EPC RATING D

Price Guide £495,000

Henlle Lane, Weston Rhyn

A character detached barn conversion which has been sympathetically renovated by the present owners. The property enjoys a delightful location over looking open parkland towards Henlle golf course. With flexible living and the potential for annexe or bed and breakfast facilities, EPC RATING C.

Offers in Region of £410.000

Turners Lane, Llynclys

A 3 bedroom split level detached country house situated near to Llynclys Common Nature Reserve and is set in 0.5 acres or thereabouts of mature cottage style gardens. Accommodation: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall,Dining Room, Garden Room, Utility, Boiler Room, Oil Fired Central Heating,Workshop. EPC RATING D

Open to Offers £299,950

Greenhill Bank, Criftins

A 4 bedroom detached house to the market which enjoys a delightful rural position conveniently placed for Ellesmere, St Martins and Oswestry. The property briefly comprises: Porch, Entrance Hall, Dining Room, Conservatory, Utility, Ground Floor WC, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing.EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £229,995

Church Lane, St Martins

A 3 bedroom detached bungalow which benefits from an attached double garage and garden room extension.The property also comprises: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom,Dining Room, Double Glazing where stated, Gas Fired Central Heating, EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £229.995

Y Ddol, Penybontfawr

3 bed det bungalow, enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location and delightful countryside views to the rear elevation. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall,Dining Room, Utility, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Oil Fired Central Heating, Oak PVC Double Glazing, Fascias and Soffits. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £207,000

Derwen Green, Four Crosses

3 bedroom link detached bungalow.The property comprises: Entrance Porch, Hallway, Re-Fitted Kitchen/Dining Room, Three Double Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, Garage with WC. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £204,000

Heritage Way

The property briefly comprises: Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen, Utility, Master Bedroom Ensuite, 2 Further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired CH, Double Glazing, Driveway, Garage, Gardens. EPC RATING D.

Offers in region of £159,950

Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog

Spacious 3 bedroom end terraced property which could also be suitable for a holiday retreat. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, Hall, Cloakroom,Re-Fitted Kitchen, First Floor: Spacious Master Bedroom, , PVC Double Glazing, Oil Fired Central Heating EPC RATING E.

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RICS

NEW - NO CHAIN

Station Road Weston Rhyn £139,950

- A spacious and well appointed 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached property
- Entrance Hall, Cloaks, Living Room, Conservatory, Kitchen with Dining Area
- 3 Bedrooms, En-Suite and a Family Bathroom.
- Hard wood double glazing, gas fired central heating. EPC Rating C
- With ample parking to the front and paved gardens to the rear

MORDA Road Oswestry £625,000

NEW

- A rare opportunity to purchase an immaculately presented 6 bedroom executive family home standing within generous grounds extending to approximately 0.5 acre
- Constructed approximately 10 years ago and was finished to the highest of standards. With light and spacious rooms which are spread over 3 floors all accessed off a glazed atrium at the heart of the property.
- Landscaped gardens with a large terrace area to the rear and a gated driveway providing security and ample off road parking. A large Double Garage and Log Cabin can also be found within the grounds.

NEW

Meadow Way Gobowen £159,995

- A spacious 4 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Open Plan Kitchen/Dining Room
- Utility, Cloaks & Conservatory
- 4 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom, single garage & driveway
- D/G and Gas C/H. EPC Rating D

NEW - NO CHAIN

Hampton Close Oswestry £269,995

- An immaculately presented 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Lounge, Fitted Kitchen with Integrated Appliances, Dining Room
- Master Bedroom with En-suite, 2 Further Bedrooms & Family Bathroom
- Landscaped gardens with large seating area, single garage & carport
- uPVC double and gas fired central heating. EPC Rating D

Barber Close Oswestry £184,995

- A well appointed and deceptively spacious 4/5 Bedroom, 3 Storey Townhouse
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, well fitted Kitchen/Dining Room
- Utility Room, Study/Bedroom 5, Lounge
- 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom with 2 further large Bedrooms (master en-suite)
- A paved patio area to the rear and a lawned garden to the side
- Single garage and driveway, Gas C/H and uPVC D/G. EPC Rating B

NEW PRICE - NO CHAIN

Llanforda Rise Oswestry £214,995

- A most spacious and comfortably appointed Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Ent Porch, Entrance Hall, Large Sitting Rm, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm
- 2 Ground Floor Bedrooms or one bedroom and a Dining rm
- Box Room, 2 Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom & Separate WC
- Delightful lawned gardens to fore & rear, parking and garage
- D/G, Oil C/H. EPC Rating E

NEW PRICE - NO CHAIN

Albert Road Oswestry £92,000

- A deceptively spacious two bedroom Mid-Terrace property situated within walking distance of the town centre of Oswestry
- An open plan Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, two Double Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Courtyard garden providing an ideal outdoor entertainment area together with a large storage shed
- Gas C/H and double glazing throughout. EPC Rating D

Colliery Road Chirk £35,000

- An excellent opportunity to purchase a shop unit extending to approximately 292 sq ft situated in the centre of the busy border town of Chirk.
- The property forms part of a recently completed development and benefits from a shop area with window frontage, a kitchen area and a Disabled WC.
- The unit should be of interest to those looking to set up a new business or relocating an existing business. Alternatively it would make an excellent investment opportunity.

Prince Charles Rd Oswestry £150,000

- Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining/Family Room, Utility
- Garden Room, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens, Ample Parkiing
- Double Glazing, EPC Rating E

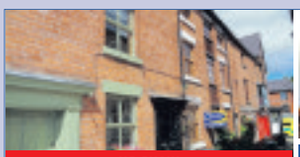
NO CHAIN

Lloyd Street Oswestry £154,950

- A spacious 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow set in large gardens
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Shower Room
- 2 additional Store Rooms could be utilized for a host of future uses
- Large gardens to front & rear, Basement Integral Garage
- D/G, Gas C/H & cavity wall insulation. EPC Rating D

Pentre Aaron Weston Rhyn

- A rare Agricultural Investment opportunity comprising a block of accommodation land extending to 15 acres (6.07 ha) or thereabouts conveniently located just off the A5/A483 between Oswestry and Weston Rhyn
- The land is currently laid to pasture but would accommodate a host of arable or fodder crops
- The land is sold subject to a 1986 Agricultural Holdings Act Tenancy. For further details please contact the Selling Agents Oswestry office on (01691) 652367.



NO CHAIN

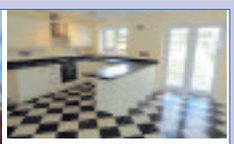
Narrow Street Llanfyllin £89,995

- A rare opportunity to purchase a 3 Storey Mid-Terrace Property
- The property retains a host of original features throughout
- Lounge, Kitchen on the ground floor with extensive cellars below
- Bedroom and bathroom on the first floor
- Further Bedroom and Study/Bedroom 3
- Small courtyard garden to rear and Gas C/H. EPC Rating F

NO CHAIN

Victoria Street Oswestry £139,995

- A spacious and well located Detached 3 Bedroom property
- The property requires some modernisation
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Three Excellent Bedrooms, Ground Floor Family Bathroom
- Garden to rear, single garage and driveway
- Gas C/H, part uPVC D/G, EPC Rating F



NEW BUILD - NO CHAIN

Chirk Road Gobowen £214,995

- A Brand New Detached 4 Bedroom Family Home situated in the popular village of Gobowen
- The property has a full 10 year NHBC Guarantee and carpeting throughout
- Ent Hall, Cloaks, Large Lounge opening into Fitted Kitchen with Integrated Appliances, Separate Dining Area, Conservatory, Utility
- 4 Excellent Bedrooms (master en-suite) and Luxury Family Bathroom
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RICS

Oakwood, Southlands Avenue Gobowen

£89,950

- Three bedroom semi detached house
- Two receptions, kitchen, bathroom, outhouses
- In need of extensive modernisation/renovation
- Retaining many original features
- Pleasant cul-de-sac location
- Energy efficiency rating = 1

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Cefn Ucha, Llanrhaeadr YM

£495,000

- Detached 4 bedroom stone built former farmhouse
- Detached self-contained 1 bedroom cottage
- Extensive well maintained range of outbuildings
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- Main house has four receptions, recently installed kitchen
- Energy Efficiency Ratings = 30 & 51

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Rhydyfelin, Llangynog, Nr Oswestry

£290,000

- Detached 3 bedroom former farmhouse
- Range of stone outbuildings
- Separate grazing paddock approx 1.5 acres
- Head of valley location, 1 1/2 miles from village
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 15

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2 Bed Flat, C/H, Pkg, FTE, No Pets EER=69	£450 pcm (£550 deposit)
2 Bed Ter, C/H, Pkg, FTE, No Pets EER=69	£460 pcm (£560 deposit)
2 Bed Semi, C/H, Pkg, FTE, No Pets EER=70	£480 pcm (£480 deposit)
2 Bed Semi, C/H, Pkg, FTE, No Pets EER=67	£495 pcm (£595 deposit)
2 Bed Semi, C/H, pkg, FTE, No Pets EER=63	£485 pcm (£595 deposit)
3 Bed Semi, C/H, pkg, FTE, No Pets. EER=45	£550 pcm (£650 deposit)
3 Bed Bung, C/H, Pkg, Garden, FTE, EER=39	£625 pcm (£725 deposit)

MORDA

2 Bed Flat, C/H, Pkg, FTE, No Pets, EER=61	£425 pcm (£525 deposit)
3 Bed Bung, C/H, FTE, No Pets, EER=59	£600 pcm (£700 deposit)

PARK HALL

2 Bed Flat, C/H, Pkg, FTE, No Pets. EER=75	£390 pcm (£490 deposit)
2 Bed Flat, C/H, Pkg, FTE, No Pets. EER=62	£395 pcm (£495 deposit)

LLANSANTFFRAID

1 Bed Flat, Pkg, FTE, No Pets, EER=60	£285 pcm (£385 deposit)

BRONYGARTH

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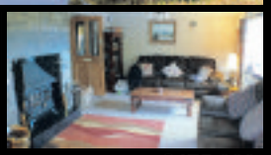

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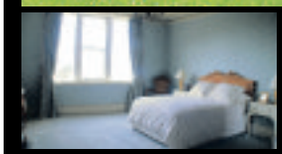

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Price: £139,950

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- 2 Double Bedrooms
- UPVC DG & Conservatory
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- Current EPC Rating E

Clarkes Lane, St Martins

Price: £205,000

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A four bedroom detached family home offering adaptable and versatile accommodation set in 1.670 acres and located down a quiet country lane

- 4 Bed Property
- Annex Or Holiday Let Potential
- Brook, Woodland & Pasture
- Range Of Outbuildings
- Viewing Recommended
- Current EPC Rating D

White House, Kinnerley

Price: £374,950

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This handsome property stands elegant in its own 3½ acres of flat pasture land with stunning views to the hills.

- 3/4 Bedrooms
- 2/3 Reception Rooms
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- Believed To Be Over 200 Years Old
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- 2 Reception Rooms
- Oil Central Heating
- Views Across Countryside
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- Former Smithy
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Glenbecca, Maesbrook

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This immaculate three bedroom detached family home is situated in a pleasant location within a most popular and sought after village.

- 3 Bedroom Detached
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens
- Oil CH & UPVC DG
- Current EPC Rating C

Orchard Drive, West Felton

Price: £199,950

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This immaculate 1930's three bedroom semi detached family home offers spacious accommodation and is situated in a pleasant cul de sac location.

- 3 Bed (2 Double)
- 2 Receptions & Conservatory
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens
- Gas CH & DG
- Current EPC Rating E

Oak Drive, Oswestry

Price: £174,950

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This detached family home is situated in a quiet cul de sac location within a popular semi rural village.

- 4 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
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- Gardens To Front & Rear
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Pentre Clawdd, Meifod

Price: £224,950

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Dating back to 1899, this is a most unique and versatile property standing in extensive grounds of just under half an acre.

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- Current EPC Rating E

South Lodge, Park Hall

Price: £350,000

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This detached country style cottage dates back to the 1800's and benefits from panoramic views across the Shropshire and Cheshire Plains

- Located Down A Quiet Country Lane
- Generous Sized Cottage Gardens
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Double Garage & Parking
- Viewing Advised
- Current EPC Rating D

Robins Corner, Tedsmore

Price: £325,000

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This three bedroom detached cottage is situated down a quiet country lane close to the village of Llanrhaeadr and only 11 miles from Oswestry.

- 3 Bedrooms (Master & En-Suite)
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Price: £585,000

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- 2 Double Bedrooms
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- Oil Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garage & Parking
- Current EPC Rating F

Ty Canol, Tregeriog

Price: £175,000

Contact Oswestry

A most spacious FOUR bedroom detached dormer bungalow with large gardens & garage.

- 4 Bedroom (2 Master Suites)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Garage & Ample Parking
- Gardens
- UPVC DG & CH
- Current EPC Rating D

Cabin Lane, Oswestry

Price: £259,950

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This former Wesleyan Chapel is now a lovely family home offering two reception rooms, conservatory, breakfast kitchen, four bedrooms, bathroom & shower room.

- 4 Bedroom
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- Private Cottage Gardens
- Hot Tub
- Oil CH & DG
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Wesley Cottage, Babbinswood

Price: £230,000

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Rhosweil, Oswestry

An attractive Grade II Listed family residence dating back to 1620 having been renovated, set within beautiful gardens and grounds. Hall, farmhouse style kitchen, utility room/ back kitchen, boot room/tack room, dining room, drawing room, study, cellar, Jacobean oak staircase, six bedrooms, family bathroom, shower room. Enclosed stable yard with tack room, two loose boxes and adjacent feed store, large parking area, coach house with garaging and large studio above, two bay dutch barn, two paddocks. EPC Band: G. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £630,000 2910

Llanyblodwel, Oswestry

A detached Grade II Listed country property, which has been renovated over recent years retaining the character and features of the original building. Entrance hall with cloaks lobby, sitting room having the original stone fire surround, dining room, living room, kitchen, utility room, galleried landing, master bedroom, guest bathroom, second floor spacious bedroom/games/office area. Outside there is an independent office/library. Gardens to the front and rear, ample parking, garage. EPC Band: G. For further information contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £450,000 2858

Babbinswood, Nr Ellesmere

An attractive farmhouse of great charm and character in need of some modernisation with great potential to form a first class family property, standing in good sized gardens with two paddocks adjacent to the garden, in all extending to approximately three acres. Hall, dining room, sitting room, farmhouse style kitchen, back kitchen/utility room, cloakroom, workshop/playroom, master bedroom, dressing room, en-suite, bedroom 2, bedroom 3, bathroom, attic room 1/bedroom 4, attic room 2/bedroom 5. EPC Band: G

Guide Price: £395,000

Llangedwyn, Powys

An appealing detached stone country property in a magnificent rural location close to the Estate village of Llangedwyn. The property sits in approximately 1.12 acres (0.45 ha) of grounds which includes a small arboretum, lawns to the side and rear of the property, impressive courtyard with feature stone walls, arch and well. Hall, dining room, kitchen, snug, utility, drawing room, sun room, boot room/ gun room, bathroom/cloakroom, three bedroom, bedroom 4/ study, en-suite bathroom, gallery, garage/store. EPC Band: F. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £385,000

Maesbrook, Oswestry

A delightful period property set in 1.75 acres of gardens, established vegetable plots and paddocks. Originally a small detached period cottage, having been considerably extended to provide an extremely spacious family home. Occupying a delightful rural position adjoining open countryside in a quiet location about 3/4 of a mile down a country lane yet easily accessible to the main road within a few minutes. Hall, main reception hall, family room/study, sitting room, very large kitchen/dining room, utility room, ground floor shower room, four bedrooms plus office/bedroom 5, family bathroom. Brick & timber store sheds, Dutch barn, garage. EPC Band: F

Guide Price: £379,950 3545

Llansantffraid

A detached property which has been totally re-designed and refurbished to make a spacious family home or as a small luxury B&B which it is currently being utilised for. Reception hall, feature central hallway, sitting room, conservatory, large dining room, study suite, small gym, kitchen/breakfast room, family room, laundry room, downstairs bedroom with en-suite shower room, mezzanine landing/sitting area, three double bedrooms with en-suite bathroom/shower rooms. PVC DG, propane gas CH, triple carport, easily maintained gardens, ample parking. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £375,000 2991

Penygarreg Lane, Pant

A substantial detached mature bungalow, set in good sized gardens and wooded dingle extending to approx 2.5 acres in total. Feature reception hall, sitting room, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom with en suite shower room, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Large double garage, oil CH, PVC DG to the majority of windows. It occupies a convenient location on the outskirts of the village within walking distance of local amenities. EPC Band: E.

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Guide Price: £365,000 2962

Maesbrook, Oswestry

A delightful character country property dating back to early 1800's renovated to a very high standard, situated in a secluded location with views to the Vyrnwy and Morda Brook. Set in a secluded rural location, the property enjoys considerable seclusion and privacy. Breakfast kitchen, pantry, utility room, conservatory, living room, study, dining room, four double bedrooms, family bathroom. Garden extends to approx 1/3 of an acre, ample parking space, double garage with loft space and engine pit. EPC Band: D. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £365,000 3547

Edgerley, Oswestry

A charming, Grade II Listed detached period cottage set in gardens and grounds of approx 0.6 acre, with self contained annexe/garage block suitable for work from home, holiday let and ancillary accommodation. Hall, sitting room, dining room, family/games room, kitchen/ breakfast room, utility, WC, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Annexe comprises; kitchen, downstairs bathroom, garage/store, upstairs living area. DG, ample parking, summerhouse, greenhouse, stores, polytunnel, good size paved areas for outside dining. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: Offers over £349,950 2717

Llanfair Caereinion, Welshpool

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Guide Price: £338,000 2856

Llangedwyn, Oswestry

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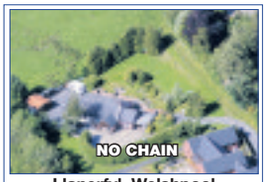
Guide Price: £325,000



Llanerfyl, Welshpool

An extremely spacious detached bungalow, having LP gas CH, DG, double garage, and very large garden grounds amounting in all to approx 0.75 acres. Hall, living room, study, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, conservatory, four bedrooms and three bath/ shower rooms. It occupies a very pleasant position in the village, well set back from the road and adjacent to countryside, situated approx four miles west of Llanfair Caereinion, and about 14 miles from Welshpool. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £320,000 2913

Abermule, Montgomery

A detached family house set in nearly 1/3 of an acre of grounds with oil CH, UPVC DG, large integral garage, ample parking and lovely large gardens. Occupying a truly delightful semi rural position enjoying magnificent views over its own large gardens. Reception hall, living room, large kitchen/dining room, 3/4 bedrooms, family bathroom, large utility room, garaging and access to extremely useful and spacious underfloor storage. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £259,950 3026

Arddleen, Llanymynech

An attractive, mature, spacious bedroom double fronted detached Victorian house, having oil CH, very large detached garage and gardens surrounding the property. It occupies a pleasant and slightly elevated position, enjoying lovely country views to the front and being conveniently placed for access to Welshpool, Oswestry and Shrewsbury. Hall, very large living room, sitting room, kitchen/dining room, inner hallway, ground floor bathroom, rear entrance hall, landing, three bedrooms, large studio room/occasional bedroom four, study/dressing room, and first floor shower room. EPC Rating: E

Guide Price: £245,000 3604

Llanymynech, Powys

'A charming detached bungalow set in private gardens with a variety of ornamental trees and shrubs. The accommodation comprises; spacious entrance hall, dining room, sitting room, conservatory, kitchen, pantry, utility area and WC, two bedrooms, bathroom, attic/storage room, double garage. EPC Rating: F. For further details contact 01691 655334.

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Off Gungrog Road, Welshpool

A modernised and extremely spacious, five bedroom, semi-detached family house with three bath/shower rooms, partial gas CH, uPVC DG, extra large garage, two large attic rooms and very large rear garden with timber range of buildings. It occupies a pleasant and very convenient position close to a wide range of local amenities and within walking distance of Welshpool town centre. Two reception halls, living room, kitchen/dining room, family room, ground floor shower room, split level landing, five bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom, and two very large second floor attic rooms. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £229,000 3126

Whittington, Nr Oswestry

A spacious, detached, extended bungalow, having gas CH, uPVC DG, garage and privately screened gardens. It occupies a pleasant and very convenient position on the fringe of the village with a variety of local amenities and easily accessible to both Ellesmere and the larger town of Oswestry and access to the A5 is only a mile away providing rapid travel to Shrewsbury and North Wales. Large entrance hall, sitting room, inner hall/dining room, kitchen, side porch/utility, three bedrooms, family bathroom, and further separate WC. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £209,000 3531

Brooklyn Road, Pant

An attractive, deceptively spacious, semi-detached bungalow having oil fired CH, DG, large garage and delightful gardens to front and rear. It occupies a very pleasant and convenient cul-de-sac position close to the centre of Pant, within walking distance of a range of local amenities and being about 15 miles from Shrewsbury, and 6 miles from Oswestry. Porch, hall, living room, dining room/bedroom 2, two further bedrooms, conservatory and newly fitted bathroom. EPC Band: D

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Guide Price: £139,950 3139

Kynaston, Oswestry

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- Hall, sitting room, kitchen/diner
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- EPC Rating: E
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Crickheath, Oswestry

- A detached mature double fronted property
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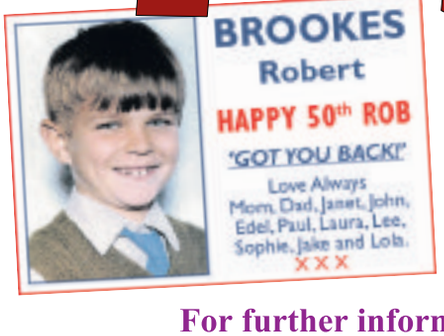

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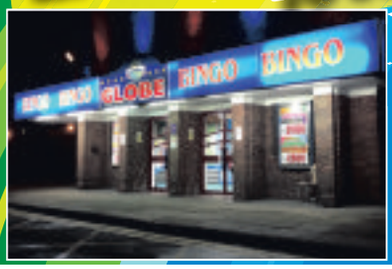

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"When there are boxes of chocolates lying on every possible flat surface, it's tempting to nibble, so move them into cupboards instead – if you can't see them, you can't be tempted! Chop up fruit every morning, and keep it in the fridge for when you feel peckish."

Keep your portion sizes under control too – remember no-one needs six roast potatoes – and do some exercise.

Christmas always makes me feel lonely, what should I do?

Adverts might have us believe that Christmas is always a time of happiness but in reality that's not always the case. Lucy Batham-Read, founder of Loveyoursoul.co.uk, says: "Everyone's emotions are heightened at Christmas because of all the social pressure. If you're already a bit lonely, this will feel even more obvious.

"But be kind to yourself. Everyone can feel low over the holidays – even with family around! Let yourself have a good cry. It's nature's way of releasing pent-up emotion from our bodies.

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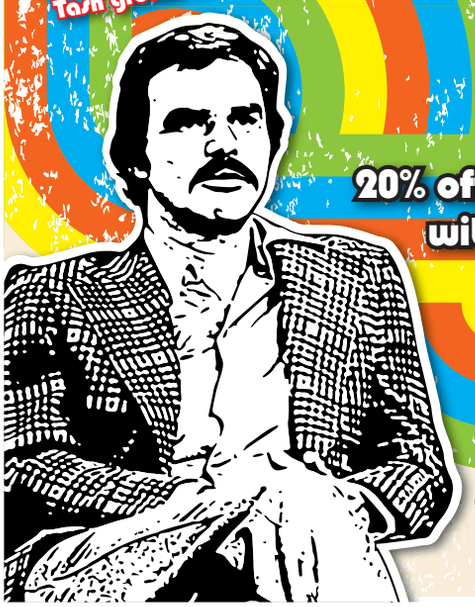

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For 15 years Sharon had an issue with her weight. In her 20s she partied and her weight was fine but she began to gradually put on weight, putting on three stone when she gave up smoking.

Sharon tried many diets losing and gaining. Then she had a particularly stressful time with a relationship breakdown moving house and then the loss of her lovely mum. Comfort eating took over, particularly chocolate.

In January she recognised she really needed to change and with a lot of persuasion from her boss and best friend Dan, they both joined Jan's Slimming World group which runs from 5pm or 7pm in Chirk.

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Sharon soon realised she could lose weight eating all her favourite foods, plenty of lovely meat, fish, fruit, veg, cheese, bread and not forgetting her treat of chocolate and wine.

Sharon said: "I only had to make small changes to how I cooked food it was fantastic nothing was off limit.

"My weight was confidential and the group was so warm and friendly and motivating."

Going to group every week was key to Sharon's success. The weight soon began to disappear and she has now lost a fantastic four stones reaching her target which she chose.

"I am now happier than I have been in a very long time and Dan is now my boyfriend, thank you Slimming World and Jan," said Sharon.

To find out more about Jan Evans's award-winning groups on Mondays in Chirk 5pm and 7pm or Wednesday in Oswestry at 10am, 12pm, 5pm and 7pm call Jan 07769614985 or 01691658323.

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Winter is almost upon us, and winter driving comes with it. While safety is an important consideration all year long, there are certainly some auto maintenance jobs and safety checks that are specific to chilled air and winter driving that are a good idea to check into before we're knee deep in the season.

To be sure you don't end up a road popsicle, or even worse end up with your holiday budget on ice thanks to unexpected repairs, have a look under the bonnet to be sure things are ship shape. As with any change of season, you should go to your regular maintenance log to make sure you are up to date on the items that should be taken care of throughout the year.

The change of seasons is a great time to go through some once-a-year or twice-a-year auto maintenance tasks.

Here's a checklist to help reduce the chances of problems.

Air filter: Inspect the filter for dirt and tears in the paper and replace if necessary. Typically, it's a good idea to do this twice a year.

Anti-freeze: In the winter anti-freeze prevents freezing, which would overheat the engine as it would stop the flow of the coolant. Make sure you use the correct concentration.

Check your battery: Check your battery for corrosion and make sure the terminals are clean and dry.

Inspect your brakes: Check your brakes and brake fluid twice a year to make sure everything is in order. If your car has an anti-lock braking system (ABS) keep an eye on your dashboard indicator.

Check your headlights: Make sure they are free from damage and they are clean.

Check your engine oil: You can check your oil level and condition by removing the dipstick. If the oil looks black then it is time to do an oil change.

Screenwash checks: Always ensure your washer container is topped up to the specified amount with windscreen washer fluid in winter.

Inspect your tyres: With the hazards of black ice, snow and poor visibility in winter, it's essential to make sure your tyres are in good condition. Remember to check the spare tour.

Check your windscreen: If you have any chips or cracks, it's essential you get these repaired straight away.

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Library is on course to beat records

OSWESTRY Library is on course to set a new record for visitors in a calendar year, according to new figures.

About 102,000 people visited the library in the first six months of this year. It means the venue on Arthur Street looks set to improve on the 190,000 people who visited in 2009.

Staff have put the rise in interest down to a number of new activities and services which have been set up since the library in Arthur Street was extended five years ago.

To celebrate the fifth anniversary of the work, library staff are asking visitors to enter a competition to tell them what they love about libraries.

Teresa Eccleston, manager of Oswestry Library, said visitor figures for 2009 – the first full year in the new library – represented a 20 per cent increase on figures before its revamp.

Among the services that the library has introduced during the past five years are the books on prescription service, wifi access, a health zone with information and advice, and a community hub offering help with council services.

The library has also extended its children's facilities, with regular story and rhyme times and holiday activities, a homework club and a knitting club.

Canopy mystery remains

John's 1934 picture showing the mystery canopy in New Street.

by Toby Neal

WHAT is the answer to the riddle of the mystery canopy in the middle of Oswestry?

That is the puzzle to which John Powell of Oswestry has been trying to find the solution, and a few weeks ago we gave him a hand by publishing the photo of New Street in 1934, which was causing him to scratch his head.

On the left was the old Market Hall and on the right, beyond the shops with the sunblinds, was the cinema called The Kings at that time. But what, asked John, was the roof-like structure between the Market Hall and the cinema?

"I remember the canopy as it was useful for keeping cinema patrons dry while waiting for the cinema to open in rainy weather. That could be its sole use, but it appears to be a large construction simply for that purpose," says John.

And the answer to the riddle is. . . well, actually we still don't know, but in the meanwhile John has come across another, older, photo showing the same structure.

"I had assumed that it had been the roof of a building that was removed to make way for The Kings cinema. This other picture of New Street has emerged on the "Photographs of Oswestry" website. I'm not sure when The Kings was built, but this photograph is before then.

"The shop on the right, Astons, was a home furnishers and they had moved from this site before 1934. At the time of my previous picture, The Prudential Insurance had an office in that property. It is difficult to read other shop signs. The attire suggests that the date is possibly early 1900s.

"Another idea is that, being adjacent to the Market Hall, the canopy could have been a covered open air market. Just a guess."

He has now come across this older photo showing the same structure.

Pensioner died in her sleep on a cruise ship

AN 86-year-old woman, who went on a cruise with her sister shortly after having a heart attack, died in her sleep while at sea, an inquest has heard.

Margaret Owen, of Middleton Road, Oswestry joined the *Saga Ruby* cruise ship in Southampton on October 24 last year.

In a narrative inquest at the Guildhall in Shrewsbury last week, John Ellery, senior coroner for Shrewsbury, Telford and Wrekin said: "Mrs Owen was travelling with her sister.

"She was last seen the night before, when she went to bed. The following morning her sister telephoned her cabin and got no reply.

"She found Mrs Owen dead in bed. It appeared she had died in her sleep."

A post-mortem in Portugal recorded that she had suffered a recent heart attack and had coronary sclerosis. A verdict of natural causes was recorded.

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Group in pledge to raise £5k for appeal

OSWESTRY Lions Club has pledged to raise £5,000 for the bone cancer centre appeal at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital.

And the donation could snowball as the club has challenged other branches in Shropshire, Cheshire, and Wales to follow its lead.

The Oswestry club is also to support the Cardiac Risk in the Young charity by sponsoring a day of screening for heart problems for young people at Ellesmere College in the new year.

There have also been £1,500 bursaries awarded to two pupils, one at the Marches and one at Lakelands School.

Club president Graeme Ross said: "It is good that we have the Lion members and friends of the Lions to enable continuing fundraising to support those individuals and groups within our community that require help.

While we gained four new members this quarter, the youngest 18 years old, we do need to keep pushing for more, particularly younger people. The greater the membership the more proactive we can be.".

Any one interested in the work of the Lions is welcome to come along to a meeting, on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Wynnstay Hotel.

Squash fear and ignorance, and not the innocent spider

ON THE WILD SIDE

by Ben Waddams

WE'RE under attack! Grown men are losing limbs, schools are being overrun, killers are spreading.

You will no doubt have read similar headlines in the papers this past fortnight and they all have one very important thing in common . . . they're complete rubbish.

The scaremongering has, for some reason, indicted a truly beautiful, humble and noble arachnid; *Steatoda nobilis*, the 'Noble' False Widow spider. Sadly Britain's wildlife has had a pretty poor showing in the press recently. Firstly badgers and now spiders. Shropshire's shameful MP Owen Paterson may not care much for scientific facts when it comes to the former, but looking through the magnifying glass of science, one always sees the true picture. So let's have a closer look at Steatoda nobilis.

'Venomous Spider Outbreak Closes School' was a recent headline. We'd better shut all our schools down instantly then if that's the case because almost every spider is venomous. How else do you subdue a buzzing fly? The difference is that the false widow is one of the few spiders in the UK that can, if really threatened pierce human skin. Other spiders can 'bite' people in this country but of course, they haven't got 'Widow' in their title (doesn't sell very well).

In common with other members of their family, the Steatoda spiders of which there are several species, construct a 'tangle web' which is the original 'cob-web'. This will consist of an irregular tangle of sticky silken fibres. But there is method to the madness. The webs include viscid lines that are attached to the floor under tension. The struggles of the captured insect break the attachment of these lines, thus lifting the unfortunate captive into the air and leaving it suspended ready for the spider to deal with.

The false widow is believed to have arrived in Britain in crates of fruit from Madeira and the Canary Islands. The first reported sighting in this country was not last week or even the week before, but in 1879. A pretty slow invader then! As climate has warmed, the populations in the south have begun moving northward.

The scaremongering has, for some reason, indicted a truly beautiful, humble and noble arachnid – Steatoda nobilis. *Picture courtesy of Brian Valentine.*

But what about all this fear and panic? If we must close schools or plaster the front pages with adverse reactions to these 'terrible spider bites', we should be doing the exact same thing when a bee or wasp is spotted. For the bite is nothing worse than a sting from one of those. I do, of course, feel for people who suffer from anaphylactic shock, but for the rest of us, they are harmless.'I almost lost my leg to killer spider bite'. No, you didn't. The spiders from the Steatoda family use neurotoxins in their venom. This venom affects the nervous system and other internal functions of the body of their prey – in most instances; a very small insect. Cytotoxins on the other hand, affect skin and tissue and can indeed result in some truly horrific injuries and if the man in question had been bitten repeatedly by an infuriated puff adder it might be a different story. But it was not a false widow that did it.

So, instead of studying scaremongering stories why not spend some time studying the false widow? If you're lucky enough to find one, you'll surely see the beauty, intricacy and nobility of this much-maligned arachnid. See **www.waddams.webs.com**

Name of poet may be added to plaque

A DECISION over whether to add war poet Wilfred Owen to the names of fallen soldiers on the memorial gates in Oswestry, has not yet been made.

Wilfred Owen, who died in battle just days before the end of World War One, was born in Oswestry but moved from the town as a child.

At a meeting of Oswestry Town Council in the Guildhall, town clerk, Mr David Preston, said the plaques on the gates at the entrance to Cae Glas Park were being completely renewed.

"They will be ready for next summer's commemorations," he said.

But he said there had been no decision on whether the name of Wilfred Owen should be added.

However councillors heard a town trail recognising war poet Wilfred Owen's connections to Oswestry was almost complete.

The trail is one of several initiatives staged as part of events being organised to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the first world war next year.

A group called the World War One/Wilfred Owen Project Group has been established to arrange events.

Oswestry businessman John Waine has spearheaded a project to establish a town trail.

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Dr Who fanatic launches a competition for fans

Nigel Thomas with some of his Dr Who caricatures which are on display in Oswestry Market.

LIKE any child Nigel Thomas viewed Dr Who as an adventure television programme, or as he put it, with 'half an eye'.

by Sue Austin

But in his mid-teens Mr Thomas, 48, from Gobowen, began to develop a fascination for the show and now believes he has watched every single episode.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the show Mr Thomas has created caricatures of all 11 actors that took on the role, now displayed in the Powis Hall indoor market in Oswestry.

He is running a competition for Dr Who fans to identify phrases written around his images of Dr Who, and say which storyline they are taken from.

The winner will be able to choose their favourite caricature and have it printed on a T-shirt.

Display

Mr Thomas said: "I started watching Dr Who when I was six or seven but it wasn't until about 1981, when John Pertwee was the doctor, that I really took an interest."

I decided to do the caricatures to use as my 'avatar' on social networks for each month of this year then thought about putting them on display."

He said all the Dr Who actors were good. "If I had to choose a favourite it would be a toss up between David Tenant and Tom Baker – although arguably Patrick Troughton was the best actor," he said.

Visitors to the indoor market, should write their answers on a postcard or sealed envelope with their T-shirt size, small, medium, large or extra large and their address and send it to: David Clough, Dr Who T-Shirt Competition, The Guildhall, Oswestry, SY11 1PZ. Closing date November 23.

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Halloween party set to be a graveyard smash

THIS Friday is set to be a graveyard smash as the Royal Oak, Welshpool, will be putting on a fancy dress Halloween party, headlined by none other than cult ska/indie band Fight the Bear.

The band first made waves on the music scene with their performance at T in the Park in 2011, earning themselves Radio One's pick of the week.

Known for their relentless work ethic the band have played upward of 500 gigs across six countries since forming back in 2005.

Staying true to their DIY roots the band prefers to perform intimate gigs where they promote their own albums.

Since the release of their first album Gutter Love in 2006, the band have put out a further two albums, with the most recent 38 Degrees having been released in August.

The band's music combines catchy riffs with lyrical hooks that will stick in your head for days.This one you don't want to miss out on. There will also be support from Luke Day. The gig is free entry and starts at 9pm, with a DJ and bar running until 1am.

As part of the National Theatre's 50th anniversary celebrations, Kinokulture will be screening the live broadcast of 2011's Frankenstein production.

Starring Benedict Cumberbatch as the tragic scientist Victor Frankenstein and Jonny Lee Miller as the creature. The play received rave reviews during its run of sell-out shows. The play was directed by Danny Boyle who was behind hit films Trainspotting and Slumdog Millionaire.

The show garnered numerous awards, with Cumberbatch and Miller's portrayals earning the both of them the Olivier Award for Best Actor. Tickets for the screening cost £12 for adults and £10 for under 16s, for more information ring 0845 250 0517.

Make sure you catch Beth Prior who will be performing at the Lowfield Inn, Marton, on Friday night.

The Shrewsbury based singer songwriter has become one of the must see local acts, with her combination of reggae, gypsy jazz and folk. Prior to going solo, Beth spent several years playing in duo The Daughters and swing time ska band the BCallskas.

She is currently hard at work on her first EP, Nomad.

Gifted with an incredible singing voice, her music is a unique blend of several genres, but one thing you can be sure of, they all pack soul. The gig starts at 8pm and is free entry.

If you're in Welshpool on Sunday night, The Royal Oak along with Rainbow Records will be hosting a special Country and Western evening. The evening will feature music from award winning country duo Mel Paul and Mary Lacey. The event starts at 8pm and runs until midnight.

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Motoring

Stand out in the crowd with this stylish Fiat mini-MPV

Drive time with Graham Breeze

MINI set the trend with the Countryman and now Fiat has followed suit with the launch of the new 500L – a mini-MPV which is an enlarged version of the 500 city car.

Designed for customers who want added practicality, capability and size, the five-door 500L mixes user-friendly technology with eco-friendliness and plenty of space and character.

The suits at Fiat said there was nothing on the market for the style-savvy buyer wanting everything you'd expect of a mini-MPV – a big boot, flexible seating and so forth – but in a more stylish and desirable package.

Fiat introduced the 500L for buyers wanting a little more style

Flexible seating for up to seven people gives you many options

The boot will cope with family luggage

Attractive

Hence the arrival of the 500L, which is far from the prettiest car I have driven this year. But it grows on you and its bulked up appearance is actually quite attractive.

There's a choice of two petrol and two diesel engines. On test was the 1.6 Multijet 105hp Lounge which is on sale at £18,890, though the test model's extras pushed the cost to £20,790 – that's a lot for a car of this type.

Fiat predicts the best-seller to be the base Pop Star and Easy models with the 94bhp 1.4-litre petrol engine, which comes in at £14,990 with both trims. That's a more realistic price.

The "cab forward" design frees up passenger space inside and there's ample room for five on board and a commanding driving position. You can also have an optional extra two seats.

Visibility from the 500L is excellent thanks to the split A-pillars and the full-length glass roof that is standard on the Lounge and a £500 option on Pop Star and Easy models. It makes such a difference that you almost get a convertible experience.

The windscreen pillars have been divided and tapered to improve visibility and increase the car's strength in case of a collision. Leading to the car being awarded a five-star car crash safety rating by Euro NCAP.

The interior has also been designed with personalisation in mind and different finishes to the body-coloured dashboard can be specified. There's an enormous range of options specifically designed to make life with the 500L better.

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Fiat 500L
Model: 1.6MultiJet 105hp Lounge
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Top speed: 112mph
0-62mph: 11.3secs
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The 500L becomes the first of the company's cars to use the new UConnect touch screen infotainment system. This allows media players and mobile phones to be connected to the car and controlled via voice, the steering wheel or touch screen.

The 500L also has available City Brake Control, a system designed to watch over the driver and either prevent or lessen the damage in low-speed collisions.

There is a Beats by Dr Dre in-car sound system for audiophiles plus many other options for owners to personalise their cars further.

The Lounge model on test had 17" alloy wheels, body coloured mirrors and bumpers, Start/Stop system, Bluetooth connectivity, cruise control, leather steering wheel and gearknob and rear parking sensors.

On the open road ride quality is good if a little bouncy when pushed to the limit and despite the height of this model it corners well with the steering system doing most of the work for you.

The 500L will appeal to owners who want more than just a functional family car. As well as being the most space-efficient passenger car in relation to its size, it has the widest range of colours in its segment. Compared to its rivals it has the cleanest petrol engine, the best passenger volume index, the biggest touchscreen radio and the largest glass roof on sale.

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Prices and spec revealed for Skoda's Rapid Spaceback

SKODA has announced prices and specifications for the new Rapid Spaceback ahead of its arrival in January 2014. The highly anticipated addition to the Skoda line-up will be available in three generously-appointed trim levels: S, SE and Elegance, with prices starting from £14,340 on the road.

With its striking exterior design, practical interior and advanced engine range, the new Rapid Spaceback introduces a dynamic new dimension to the Skoda range. The second model in the Rapid range, it sets sector standards for interior space and offers exceptional practicality thanks to its 415-litre boot.

The Rapid Spaceback also comes with an array of personalisation options that allow buyers to tailor the car to their own tastes. Among the styling options are a large panoramic glass roof and extended tailgate glass, both of which give the Rapid Spaceback a unique appearance.

The engine range comprises of three petrol and two diesel units. Power outputs range from 86PS to 122PS, with customers able to choose between manual and advanced DSG automatic transmissions.The line-up will also include a GreenLine version with CO2 emissions of just 99g/km. More details for Rapid Spaceback GreenLine will be confirmed soon.

Specification levels across the range are generous, with all three Spaceback models fitted with additional equipment over the Rapid. Air conditioning is standard across the line-up, along with curtain airbags, front electric windows and a height and reach adjustable steering column. SE models feature alloy wheels, acoustic rear parking sensors, cruise control and a Bluetooth telephone connection, while Elegance models add, among other items, climate control, height-adjustable passenger seat and cornering front fog lights.

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SPORT

Eagles back on form with home victory

OSWESTRY returned to winning ways in rugby's South Lancs and Cheshire Two with a hard-fought 31-22 home success against mid table rivals Southport at a breezy Granville Park.

It was the perfect response from the previous week's 31-11 loss to Vagabonds on the Isle of Man, and will put the Eagles in good heart for Saturday's stern test at high riding Manchester Medics.

The hosts got off to a bad start, conceding two unconverted tries in the corner, the second seeing the Southport winger sent off for throwing a punch although the score was allowed to stand.

Oswestry finally began to string some good phases together, using their extra man to good effect, and they crossed the line when a superb break by winger Jack Fox provided a good platform deep in the Southport half. Quick hands by second rows Graham Fox and Gaz Ellis exposed an overlap, allowing Gaz Hughes to sprint in for a try converted by fly half Dan Williams.

Southport hit back when their centre chipped over the defence to out-pace the scrambling defence to score, which was converted.

Some hotly contested phases followed the kick-off, and the Southport No8 lost his discipline, yellow carded for a forearm to the face.

The ensuing penalty was well converted by man of the match Williams, leaving the half time score 17-10 to the visitors.

Defence

The Eagles emerged for the second half with renewed purpose, with Williams taking advantage of every Southport mistake with punishing kicks for touch.

A Southport line-out in their own half was stolen, and the ball was quickly spread wide through scrum-half Nick Clay, and young Fox showed his class to finish in the corner, again converted from the touchline by Williams.

The Eagles were starting to exert some dominance on the game, with some crunching scrums driving the visitors back.

After a good maul led by flanker Tom Thorpe fell just short of the line, Williams crashed through the visitors' defence to score, then converted his own try to make the score 24-17 to the Eagles.

The visitors once more began to try to bully Oswestry into submission and reduced the arrears to two points with a well worked unconverted try.

Some more reckless violence by the visitors led to another yellow card for a dangerous stamp, and could have been followed by further yellow cards.

The Eagles showed their character by punishing Southport through some good rugby, and a lineout in the visitors half led to a good drive by the Oswestry pack and Thorpe went over, again converted by the superb Williams.

League tables

English Clubs Championship
SOUTH LANCS/CHESHIRE

	P	W	D	L	BP	Pts
Manchester Medics.	8	7	0	1	7	35
Ormskirk	8	7	1	0	4	34
Liverpl Collegiate	8	7	0	1	6	34
Bowdon	8	6	0	2	6	30
Southport	8	5	0	3	4	24
Oswestry	8	4	1	3	5	23
Vagabonds	8	4	0	4	4	20
Moore	8	3	1	4	5	19
Port Sunlight	8	3	1	4	4	18
Orrell	8	3	0	5	4	16
Marple	8	2	0	6	3	11
Dukinfield	8	1	2	5	1	9
Ramsey	8	1	0	7	0	4
Wallasey	8	0	0	8	2	2

Pictured from left are Lisa Jones, head of girls PE, Elise Fisher, Nigel Williams, Natalie Makin and Alistair Othen.

Squad gets new kit

A SQUAD of hockey players at Oswestry School are looking forward to taking on all opposition in their newly sponsored kit.

PE teacher Alistair Othen described the navy, maroon and white kit, sponsored by Arthurs of Oswestry, as a 'confidence booster.'

"The squad look and feel smart which is morale boosting and could well have an impact on their results this season," said Alistair who thanked award-winning Vauxhall dealer Arthurs of Oswestry for their generosity.

"We are starting the new season with very high hopes," he added.

The new kit comprises shirt, skirt and socks and it is believed that the hockey players at Oswestry School are the first in Shropshire to have the sportswear which is made in the Southern Hemisphere.

The kit supplier is Macron of Wrexham and it is printed in New Zealand before being shipped to the Northern Hemisphere.

Each of the 16 strong squad selected for inter school matches will be wearing the new kit which captain Natalie Makin, 17, described as 'wonderful.'

Said Nigel Williams, Managing Director of Arthurs Vauxhall: "We are very pleased to support the school with this sponsorship. It's the first time that we have sponsored the hockey team at Oswestry School," he added.

Morda lose ground as Alport win

MORDA United were stopped in their tracks by Whitchurch Alport reserves to lose ground in the Mercian Regional League premier division.

The Weston Road side had entered the match in fine form having hit 18 goals in winning their previous three league games but, despite a goal from Kevin McGarvey, they were undone 3-1 by Alport who leapfrogged them into fourth place.

After falling behind, Morda reacted well and were soon level when Scott Graham knocked a inch perfect ball through to McGarvey who lobbed the keeper for his third goal in two games.

Morda never really got going in the second half, and it was their own mistake that led to Whitchurch's second when keeper Tony Davies looked like he had caught at tame header, but some how it slipped through his hand and into the net.

Hopes of a comeback were ended when Sam Litchfield headed a corner into his own net. Morda have a good opportunity to return to winning ways when they entertain lowly Wellington Amateurs Reserves on Saturday (2pm).

● ST MARTINS, who had no game in the West Midlands League division one last week, return to action at Gornal Athletic reserves on Saturday.

Young Welshpool side win first match of the season

A YOUTHFUL Welshpool secured their first success of the season as they pulled off a tense 23-22 second round win over Porthmadog to keep their flag flying in the Swalec Bowl.

Missing several regulars, Pool clawed their way back with two late tries, but there was some confusion over the score at the end before the match referee confirmed the visitors had prevailed.

It was a timely boost for the Maesydre side who, languishing in the lower reaches of the division three (north) table, will now be hoping to build on that result on Saturday when they head to Anglesey to take on Benllech.

RUGBY
by John Bridgwater

Dylan Walton, in his first start at fly half for the senior side with Daly Jones missing, made his mark with an early penalty in a match played at windswept Bro Ffestiniog, but Porth hit back with two tries, one of which was converted.

Welshpool then closed the gap with a try from No8 Ryan Goodwin, converted by Walton, while the hosts had a player sent off for a headbutt leaving them with 14 men for the second half.

Despite this, they scored a third touchdown after the break before Walton kicked his second penalty to leave Pool trailing 17-13.

A fourth try had Porthmadog 22-13 up but, with impressive displays from man of the match Andrew Thomas in the centre and captain and fly half Joe Stranks, helped spur a comeback.

Stranks went over for a try while centre Tom Davies also crossed late on for a decisive score. Although Walton missed the conversion in the wind, the visitors had just done enough to take the spoils despite Porthmadog also thinking they had won in a confusing finish.

"We had problems getting a side together with a number of players away," said assistant coach Frank Johns.

"We could have thrown in the towel when we were 22-13 down, but the lads showed a lot of spirit."

COBRA suffered their first home loss of the season when being edged out 20-14 to Denbigh in the Swalec Bowl, with the visitors taking the spoils courtesy of a controversial try.

The Meifod side had high hopes of avenging an early season defeat, but were again forced into changes with five first teamers missing, including four of their backs.

They failed to make the most of having the wind in their favour in the first half, despite taking the lead with a penalty from Alwyn Williams.

Denbigh then capitalised on some slack play with a couple of tries, one converted, before a second Williams penalty reduced the arrears to 12-6.

Penalty

COBRA closed the gap further as they upped their game, with prop Hywel Jones crossing the line, while they went close to another try right on half time.

After the break, the visitors played better against the elements but fell further behind in controversial circumstances as Denbigh bagged a third try despite the ball having clearly gone into touch.

Williams did kick a third penalty following a spell of pressure to give his side some hope, but Denbigh kicked a penalty themselves with the last play of the game to seal the contentious win. COBRA bid to bounce back at home to Ruthin on Saturday as they look to climb the division one (north) table, but are still without skipper and No8 Aled Davies who continues to be troubled by a broken bone in his wrist. Fly half Llew Williams is set to return.

League table

Spar Mid Wales League
DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Carno	10	9	0	1	26	10	27
Berriew	10	8	0	2	39	11	24
Waterloo	12	6	4	2	41	17	22
Llanfair Utd	10	7	1	2	27	9	22
Llandrindod Wells	7	7	0	0	42	3	21
Aberaeron	11	6	2	3	22	9	20
Four Crosses	10	4	3	3	31	26	15
Bow Street	10	4	1	5	14	22	13
Llansantffraid	13	4	1	8	23	34	13
Welshpool	12	4	1	7	21	36	13
Montgomery	11	4	1	6	15	32	13
Tywyn/Bryncrug	8	4	0	4	20	19	12
Builth Wells	11	2	2	7	17	36	8
Aber Uni	7	2	0	5	12	17	6
Dyffryn Banw	8	1	2	5	12	25	5
Dolgellau	12	0	0	12	8	64	0

The referee blows for an infringement during the Welshpool win over Porthmadog

114 points is a winner

THE winning three ball team of the Ladies Winter Competition at Oswestry Golf Club was Margaret Dunbar, Margaret Lynch and Pauline Davies with 114 points.

Anne Garbett, Dorothy Mottram and Sylvia Baxter were second with 107 points and Wendy Horan, Ruth Roberts and Judy Mitchell third with 106 points. Maureen Crane, Ilid Gittins and Mary Hughes came fourth with 105 points.

There were 64 entries for the EWGA Medal and the winner in the silver division was Celia Pearce with 85 - 17 - 68. Tania Pearce with 74 - 5 - 69 was second and third spot went to Liz Harding 85 - 12 - 73. Bronze Division winner was Pam Murfin 96 - 26 - 70 followed by Margaret Green 94 - 22 - 72 and Sylvia Baxter 100 - 26 -74 .In the Upper Bronze Division first place went to Gwyneth Baines Jones 108 - 35 - 73. Second place went to Tess Hyde with 110 - 36 - 74 and the third spot. on countback, went to Patricia Talbot 110 - 34 - 76*.

Baptism of fire in Lymm match

Lymm 2s 4 Oswestry Ladies 0

OSWESTRY set off to Lymm unsure of what to expect. Whilst Lymm were known to be a club with a strong history in the Cheshire League, Oswestry had not come across them in league fixtures before.

However, a strong team was expected given past results, and they had a large number of supporters on the sideline.

The first half was very pleasing with Oswestry putting pressure on the Lymm defence and working hard to cut off any attacking opportunities that Lymm had.

This meant both teams were well matched and both struggled to break the deadlock.

The teamwork being displayed by Oswestry was pleasing with full effort being put in by all.

Battered

At the start of the second half Oswestry were determined to continue in the same way, but sadly were soon two goals down thanks to thunderous Lymm shots from short corners. This knocked Oswestry's rhythm and they were unlucky to concede two more goals, despite best defending efforts.

Sadly, this rather curtailed the attacking opportunities which became rarer, as efforts were concentrated on defence.

One of the most noticeable facets of the match was the physicality of the Lymm team bullying Oswestry off the ball, meaning it was a bruised and battered Oswestry team that returned.

Next week Oswestry hope to stop the run of unfavourable results, as they play Warrington at Oswestry School.

Good points for mixed firsts

OSWESTRY Tennis Club's mixed first team eventually got their season underway as they beat the weather to gain some valuable points from two fixtures in one week.

The first fixture, at home against Woodfield II, saw Josie Macrae partner debutant Saffron Rainey with the pair getting off to a flying start in taking their first rubber against Woodsfield's first pair 6-2, 6-4.

Kat Oakley and Simon Jackson, playing as second pair, then stormed through their rubber against Woodfield's second pair 6-2, 6-1.

In the reverse rubbers the tide turned with Josie and Saffron suffering defeat and losing in straight sets 2-6, 4-6 to Woodsfield's second pair while Kat and Simon just lost out in a third set deciding tiebreak against the Woodfield's first pair.

With the match decided on count back, Oswestry took six points by virtue of winning one more set than their opponents.

Their other fixture saw Oswestry edged out 5-3 on countback at home one to Shifnal. This time Kat Oakley partnered Paul Hampson and, after a strong battle, eventually lost 8-10 (0-1) in a third set deciding tiebreak against Shifnal's first pairing and after suffering some unsportsmanlike conduct.

Eirian Lloyd-Jones, making her mixed debut partnering Saffron Rainey, took victory in a third set tiebreak against Shifnal's second pair to make the match all square.

In the reverse rubbers, Eirian and Saffron had a tough match before going down in straight sets to Shifnal's first pair while Kat and Paul got themselves going and took victory against Shifnal's second pair in straight sets.

As the match was all square in rubbers and sets, the outcome was yet again decided on count back - but this time on games won with Shifnal taking five points and Oswestry three.

The mixed second suffered defeat to Wem's first team that remains undefeated having won all four of their matches .

The Oswestry team was captained by Gary Edwards who partnered Elspeth Cumpston against the Wem first pairing and they made a strong start going quickly into a 3-0 lead.

However, the Wem pair were a force to be reckoned with and came back to take the first set 5-7 and the second set by 4-6.

Oswestry's second pairing of Matt Grice and Judy Lloyd were in inspired form in their opening rubber against the Wem second pairing and won it convincingly in straight sets 6-3, 6-3.

In the reverse rubbers, Gary and Speth were not as successful against the Wem second pairing going down again in straight sets 4-6, 3-6 while Matt and Judy were torn apart by the Wem first pairing winning only two games in their 1-6, 1-6 loss.

Following the defeat, Oswestry know they will need to build on their opening fixture victory in their remaining three matches if they are to succeed in this tough division.

Club members are reminded that this year's annual general meeting will be held in the clubhouse on Wednesday, November 20 (7.30pm).

SPORT

Town back on song as Rangers are hit for six

Ben Williams – hat-trick for Oswestry Town

FC Oswestry Town 6 Oakengates Rgs 0

TABLE-topping FC Oswestry Town moved five points clear in the Mercian Regional League division one with a 6-0 win at home to struggling Oakengates Rangers.

After two consecutive draws, unbeaten Town started strongly with a fine finish from Graeme Kirkham putting them ahead after just six minutes.

That lead was doubled four minutes later when Kirkham was fouled in the box and Graham Dyke dispatched the penalty.

The Oswestry hosts were moving the ball around well and on 28 minutes the prolific Ben Williams netted the third goal .

Two minutes later, Williams smashed home his second. Within 10 minutes of the restart, Kirkham scored the goal of the game when he was sent through from a Williams backheel.

Madness

The scoring was complete on 65 minutes when a great team move was finished off well by Williams to complete his hat-trrick .

Town now entertain Hanwood Reserves at the Venue Park Hall on Saturday (2pm) as they look to tighten their grip at the top.

OSWESTRY VILLA had three players sent off as they were stunned 4-1 at home by Brown Clee.

The game started well enough with Zak Manhire netting.

But, with the score at 1-1, Villa pressed the self destruct button with first Morris seeing red for kicking out at a player after the referee failed to award a foul.

Trailing 2-1 at the interval, it got worse with Dave Hartshorn substituted at half time for a poor tackle and, having battered their visitors, a moment of madness saw keeper Ben Richards concede a needless penalty when pulling down a Brown Clee player in the box. Manhire was then sent off for comments to the referee and Alex Gunn saw red for two cautions on a miserable day for fifth place Villa.

OSWESTRY VILLA RES were disappointingly held 1-1 at bottom club Denso in division two.

Rovers keep up pressure after win

WATERLOO Rovers embarked on a goal rampage with a 14-0 romp at rock bottom Dolgellau to keep the pressure on the leading pack in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

It was one way traffic throughout with Rovers, five goals up at half time, in cruise control against their hapless hosts who are facing a long, hard season on this showing.

Charlie Proctor and the in-form Steve Hole both bagged hat-tricks, Ricky Lichfield and Neil Pryce netted doubles while Steve Jones, Chris Hughes, Barry Haralambous and Stefan Rogers also joined the rout. Free-scoring Rovers have now netted 22 goals in their last two outings.

While Dolgellau are left marooned at the foot of the table without a point to their names, victory lifted Dale Roberts' side up to third, and five points off the pace.

LLANFAIR UNITED, one place behind on goal difference, also stayed hard on the heels of the leaders with a rainswept 2-1 home verdict against a dogged Aberystwyth University.

Lead

It took Rhys Stephens' side just five minutes to take the lead when, after pulling off a fine tackle at the back, Llion Davies played in Chris Gethin who rounded the keeper and slotted the ball home. The students were level on 35 minutes when Llanfair failed to clear an Aber cross and the second ball fell to Alex Jenkins who struck a terrific shot into the top corner of the net. Just before half time, Andrew Hughes came close when his well struck effort whistled just passed the post while Matt Spencer was twice narrowly off target early in the second period.

Llanfair continued to push, Geraint Jones' shot finding the post off the keeper and Andrew Hughes was beaten to the rebound by a home defender.

However, on 73 minutes, the home side restored the lead when they worked the ball well through Paul Griffiths to Andrew Hughes who slipped the ball past advancing keeper Westbury.

They nearly made it 3-1 after Geraint Jones had two efforts saved and then Paul Griffiths missed a good chance from the rebound.

Now piling in the pressure, Llanfair came close again but Andrew Hughes' rebound effort from a Paul Griffiths free kick was saved by the Aber keeper while Ben Jones then had an effort disallowed after the Aber keeper was judged to have been fouled.

Mauling

LLANSANTFFRAID Village were edged out 4-3 at high flying Carno whose Peter Rees scored twice along with singles from Jordan Jones and Matthew Davies.

MONTGOMERY'S revival came to an end as they went down 2-1 to Bow Street who bounced back from their eight goal mauling at the hands of Waterloo Rovers the previous week.

Lodge in surprise win over leaders

LODGE Inn sprung the shock of the day in the Roche North Shropshire Sunday League by winning 2-1 at leaders Cross Foxes.

The visitors fully deserved their victory, despite going a goal down in the 11th minute when Adam Herbert headed home a Joe Pierpoint cross from the left.

Lodge equalised in ther 57th minute when a through ball from Tom Nash found Lee Griffiths who shot into the keeper's right hand corner.

They then stunned the pacesetters on 71 minutes when Nash's cross was fired home by Tom Carver from 16 yards.

MALPAS are the new leaders on goal difference after winning 6-2 at THE KEYS.

Lee Parry grabbed a hat trick with Callum Parry bagging a brace, Andy Morris getting the other. Ben Carter and Alan Ellis replied for the Keys.

Two first half goals by THE OAK sunk basement boys DUDLESTON HEATH 2-0.

Volley

Dave Hartshorn scored from the spot after 25 minutes after he had been brought down in the box. Todd Roberts added the second a few minutes before the break,when he headed in an Adam Jones cross from the left.

ATHLETICO MARKET swept aside TAVERN FC - with all the goals coming in the second half.

After a goalless first period, half-time substitute Josh Sumner opened the floodgates when he scored soon after the break.

Joe Smith made it 2-0 with a rasping shot from 25 yards before leading scorer Karl Bailey added a third. Jack Brayne then scored the goal of the game to make it 4-0, a half volley from 25 yards after latching onto a long clearance from his keeper.

Sam Jones scored twice late on and Bailey grabbed his second to make it 7-0.

Sunday fixtures (November 3): Cheshire County Sunday Cup: Spital Vaults v Malpas.

League: Athletico Market v The Keys, Dudleston Heath v Cross Foxes, Tavern FC v Lodge Inn.

Saints are back on top after 5-0 home victory over Quay

TNS 5 GAP Connah's Quay 0

THE New Saints produced a five star show as they stormed back to the summit of the Welsh Premier courtesy of a commanding victory over GAP Connah's Quay at Park Hall.

With previous leaders Airbus UK's home clash with Rhyl postponed due to a waterlogged pitch, the Saints took full advantage as two apiece goals from Chris Seargeant and Alex Darlington, and one from Greg Draper, lifted them top on goal difference.

The defending champions never looked back after taking a ninth minute lead when Darlington curled a terrific effort into the top corner, giving keeper Terry McCormick little chance.

They continued to make the running, moving the ball round swiftly to keep their visitors at full stretch, with Draper and Seargeant both testing the visiting goalkeeper with long range strikes.

A second goal arrived when Draper doubled the lead on 27 minutes as Kai Edwards' superb pass played in Aeron Edwards who crossed for the New Zealand striker to tap home.

It was 3-0 seven minutes later in a fine style when Seargeant curled a terrific free kick into the top corner from the edge of the box to effectively put the game beyond GAP.

Substitute

With TNS in total control against a side who have a poor record at Park Hall, Darlington almost made it four before the break but the forward fired into the side netting with a low strike.

The second half continued in similar vein with the Saints controlling the possession and Draper nearly added a fourth after dribbling past a couple of defenders before being thwarted by McCormick.

Sub Matty Williams, who had replaced Aeron Edwards at half time, found space on the edge of the box but curled his left footed effort just over the bar while Darlington was denied by a fine save from the visiting keeper after the ball had been deflected following Chris Marriott's cross

The fourth goal that threatened finally arrived 12 minutes from time when Seargeant neatly chipped in his second of the night, before Darlington also completed his brace and the victory three minutes later from close range after being played in by substitute Mike Wilde.

The Saints controlled the rest of the game to ensure another comfortable victory and carry on an excellent run that has resulted in winning every home league game this season.

TNS star Alex Darlington who scored two goals against Connah's Quay

FOOTBALL

by John Bridgwater

Late goal sends Town crashing to trophy defeat

A LATE strike sent Welshpool Town crashing out of the FAW Trophy with a 2-1 third round exit to Llangollen at Maesyere.

Pool had led 1-0 at the interval through Martin Ziemann, but a spate of injuries forced a major reshuffle in the second half as they found themselves on the back foot.

Llangollen eventually hit back to level with a dubious penalty after Rob Cookson had attempted to shield the ball, and they netted the winner in the last minute.

Pool had defended stoically and, in a rare raid, almost took the tie into extra time when Cookson saw his shot turned onto the bar before the visiting keeper made a fine save to deny Richard Mason from the follow up.

Despite the defeat, boss Russell Cadwallader was delighted with the resolve from his makeshift side that, as well as injuries to Lance Parkes and Gareth Watkins, had Shane Davies and Chris Roberts among those missing.

Clearance

A few days before, the Lilywhites beat Aberystwyth University 3-2 to push towards mid-table in the Spar Mid Wales League division one with Ziemann continuing his fine scoring form with a brace and Ross Harris getting the others.

Last night (wed) Welshpool entertained Waterloo Rovers as they looked to put the brakes on their local rivals. They hope to have a number of players back, while Tom Coulson, a new recruit from Morda United, could make his debut if his international clearance goes through in time.

FOUR CROSSES continue to suffer a mixed season, going out of the Trophy after ending up well beaten 4-1 at Chirk AAA whose Nicky Williams fired a hat-trick. Chris Bennion grabbed the other goal for the hosts, while Andy Webb responded from the penalty spot.

BERRIEW had no problems as they eased to a 9-0 victory at Wrexham side Venture Community to seal their place in the fourth round, with the visitors six goals to the good after just 25 minutes.

Under-19s march on with Youth Cup stroll

THE New Saints under-19s progressed in the Welsh Youth Cup with a 4-1 victory over Brickfield thanks to goals from Ryan Kershaw, Jamie Hands and a brace from Taylor James.

The Saints started brightly with the impressive James scoring twice early on, his second from the penalty after being brought down in the box.

On the half hour mark it was three through Kershaw but the visitors pulled a goal back following a mistake from Aaron Simms.

The Saints then had Ryan Pryce sent off but remained in control and, with five minutes to go, substitute Hands sealed the win after some great work from James.

Penalty shootout pain for Llanrhaedr

LLANRHAEADR were edged out on penalties as they fell at the first hurdle at home to Flint Town United in the Cymru Alliance Cup.

Buoyed by their fine 3-1 win at Guilsfield in the league a few days earlier, the home side more than matched their visitors in an evenly poised tussle.

Ben White headed the first on 21 minutes after Rob Fox had nodded across goal and, although Gareth Roberts levelled a minute into the second period, Matthew Jones immediately restored the advantage with a fine strike from 20 yards.

However, the visitors took the tie into extra time and subsequently penalties when Mark Winslade levelled a second time on the hour, and it was Flint who won the spot kick decider 5-4 after Iwan Matthews hit the inside of the bar for the hosts. Despite defeat, Llanrhaeadr could take heart from their display in a game which could have gone either way, with Matthews himself going close to winning it in normal time when firing just wide.

GUILSFIELD'S home clash with Caernarfon in the first round of the Huws Gray Cup was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

Fixtures for Saturday

Huws Gray Cymru Alliance (2.30, unless stated): Caernarfon Town v Llanidloes, Cefn Druids v Conwy Borough, Holyhead Hotspur v Flint Town Utd, Llandudno v Guilsfield, Llanrhaeadr v Porthmadog (2pm), Penycae v Caersws (2pm), Rhayader Town v Buckley Town, Rhydymwyn v Penrhyncoch (2pm).

Meredith again in the goals

IN-form striker Tony Meredith was again among the goals with a hat-trick as Churchstoke continue to fly high at the top of the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division two courtesy of a 4-1 home win over Newtown Wanderers.

In Mitsubishi One, Waterloo reserves lost ground on the leaders afar being held 2-2 by Guilsfield reserves.

Results:Llansantffraid Village Cup, round one: Llangedwyn 3 Berriew Reserves 7.

JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League – Honda One: Abermule Res 2 Llanfechain 2, Meifod 2 Trefonen 1, Newtown Res 1 Llanfyllin 4, Waterloo Res 2 Guilsfield Res 2.

Mitsubishi Two: Churchstoke 4 Newtown Wanderers 1, Kerry Res 0 Llanymynech 3, Llansantffraid Res 1 Forden Utd 6, Maesyrhandir 5 Four Crosses Res 1

Boys pay for goal misses

OSWESTRY Boys Club under-14s suffered their second 2-1 defeat at Park Hall this season when being edged out by Baschurch on a wet and blustery afternoon.

The home side started brightly and went ahead through Brandon Rogers after just 20 seconds, but unbeaten Baschurch levelled after 25 minutes against the run of play.

Oswestry responded immediately, Connor Williams rattling the bar, but monsoon conditions made attractive football difficult in the second half.

The hosts continued to carve good chances but paid the price for failing to kill the game off as Baschurch scored the winner from a corner, only their second attempt on goal.

Meanwhile Oswestry Boys Club under-16s stayed top of the A League with a hard fought 3-1 victory at Baschurch.

On a very wet and windy day, they took the spoils with goals from Callum Patterson, Louis Morris and Aboubcar Darbo. Man of the match was Jordan Evans.

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Key injuries force Town into major reshuffle

BOSS Russell Cadwallader took plenty of heart from his side's resilience despite their last-gasp exit to Llangollen in the third round of the FAW Trophy.

Welshpool had led 1-0 at the interval through Martin Ziemann, but injuries to Lance Parkers and Gareth Watkins forced a major reshuffle in the second half as they found themselves on the back foot.

Despite defending stoically, the hosts were pegged back by a dubious penalty and a late winner.

FOUR CROSSES also went out when losing 4-1 at Chirk AAA, Andy Webb responding from the penalty spot.

BERRIEW were the only local side to progress with a thumping 9-0 win at Wrexham side Venture Community – and their reward is a home tie with Ruthin Town in the fourth round on Saturday, November 23.

A hat-trick from Elliot Jones helped his side march on, with the visitors six goals to the good after just 23 minutes. Rhydian Morris and Karl Seliearts also scored twice, while there were two penalties for Marc Jones.

● Last night (Wed), Welshpool were looking to put the brakes on in-form Spar Mid Wales League neighbours Waterloo Rovers, and hoped to include Tom Coulson, a new recruit from Morda United, if his international clearance went through in time.

Guilsfield facing tough test if they are to lift Huws Gray Cup

GUILSFIELD are facing a tough road ahead if they are to lift the Huws Gray Cup this season.

First, they still have to overcome high riding new boys Caernarfon in the first round, which was postponed last Saturday due to a waterlogged pitch.

If they do that, then waiting in the second round is a testing trip to title favourites Cefn Druids.

Full second round draw:Cefn Druids v Guilsfield or Caernarfon Town, Conwy Borough v Caersws or Llandudno, Flint Town United v Holyhead Hotspur, Rhydymwyn v Penycae.

It's back to league action in the Cymru Alliance on Saturday, with Guilsfield off the the seaside to take on Llandudno as they bid to steady the ship after their surprise 3-1 loss to 10-man Llanrhaeadr in their last outing.

Llanrhaeadr, whose recent displays have given cause for optimism, are at home to Porthmadog (2pm) as they bid to climb away from basement danger.

Mark Griffiths is suspended for the hosts, and there is a further blow as Tom Evans is unavailable for the next two months.

TNS look to keep top spot

HAVING got their noses in front at the top of the Welsh Premier, The New Saints will be anxious to avoid any slip-ups as they head for a potentially tricky trip to Carmarthen Town on Saturday.

With previous leaders Airbus UK without a game due to the weather last week, the Saints took advantage to seize pole position on goal difference with a 5-0 hammering of GAP Connah's Quay Nomads at Park Hall.

Having played a game more than the Wingmakers, the challenge now is to stay top of the pile as the defending champions head to West Wales this weekend to take on a Carmarthen side whom they swept aside 6-0 at home earlier in the season, five of the goals coming in the first half.

Despite that one-sided scoreline, Saints chief Craig Harrison will be wary of a far tougher assignment in the return to Richmond Park where Carmarthen have often proved a tough nut to crack.

TNS are unbeaten in their last six visits to West Wales, but have been made to work hard with just the odd goal separating the sides in the majority of the encounters.

Sam Finley, who was only used as substitute late week due to a minor niggle, is pushing for a place in the starting line-up while winger Ryan Fraughan could also be back in contention following injury as the visitors weigh up their options.

It's a big weekend for TNS ladies who travel to Northampton side Raunds Town in the third qualifying round of the FAW Womens Cup on Sunday (1pm).

They will be out to bounce back from their 4-1 defeat to Leamington Spa in their last league outing.

TNS youth, meanwhile, have been drawn at home to either Caersws or GAP Connah's Quay in the third round of the Welsh Youth Cup, the tie to be played on Sunday, November 24.

LEE GETS OFF SICK BED TO WIN TITLE

WELSHPOOL golfer Lee Rooke got off his sick bed for the biggest win of his professional career, lifting the Welsh National PGA Championship.

The 35-year-old defeated Jon Bevan of Rhos on Sea in a play-off to win the tournament at his home course at Royal St David's at Harlech and also earned a place among Europe's elite at next year's Wales Open.

The pair played two extra holes on the par three 18th with Rooke, who nearly pulled out on the eve of the tournament due to a sickness bug, securing the title with a par after his opponent had found the bunker for the second time in the sudden death shootout and could only manage a bogey.

by Graham Breeze

Rooke's victory in the Asbri Golf sponsored event earned him £1,500 and is also a rich reward for working hard on his game under the expert eye of his new boss, Royal St David's head professional Gareth Lewis.

"It's a great feeling to win having worked hard with Gareth for a year now and now we will sit down and see where we need to improve," said Rooke who had rounds of 64 and 71.

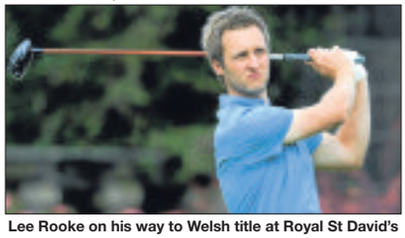
"I'm a lot calmer on the course now, and making better decisions. The next thing will see me heading to the gym to work on my fitness."

He added: "Qualifying for the Wales Open is a big thing for me, it was the golden nugget, as I have only ever played once on the Challenge Tour and it was in the back of my mind in the play-off."

Rooke was also delighted to win the prestigious Welsh National title because his first boss, Andy Griffiths, head pro at Llanymynech, twice won the event which dates back to 1904.

"He was my first boss so it's great to get my name up there alongside his. It also feels really good to have won on Royal St David's because of my attachment. But, it was brutal out there, the first five holes out there I probably could have done with a caddie. Luckily it stopped raining otherwise I would still be out there.

"I haven't played many play offs so wasn't that nervous and it went really quick. I didn't really get time to think which was good."



Lee Rooke on his way to Welsh title at Royal St David's

Rob hoping to run out for Wales

FORMER Oswestry centre Rob Massam admits it would be a dream come to true to run out for Wales at the Racecourse Ground this Sunday against USA in the Rugby League World Cup, *writes Gareth Jones.*

Local boy Massam was named in Wales' 24-man squad for the World Cup following an outstanding season for North Wales Crusaders.

The powerful winger bagged 23 tries in 22 appearances as the Crusaders completed the Championship One and Northern Rail double.

And now the 26-year old, who switched codes when leaving Oswestry for Wrexham two seasons ago, is looking to live every boy's dream by playing for his country.

Massam, who was not in the Wales side last Saturday in their opening day defeat to Italy, now hopes to be in the line-up for the crucial clash against the Tomahawks this Sunday (kick off 2pm).

"It really hasn't sunk in yet. I've been training hard this year and I'm looking forward to the whole Rugby League World Cup 2013 experience," he said.

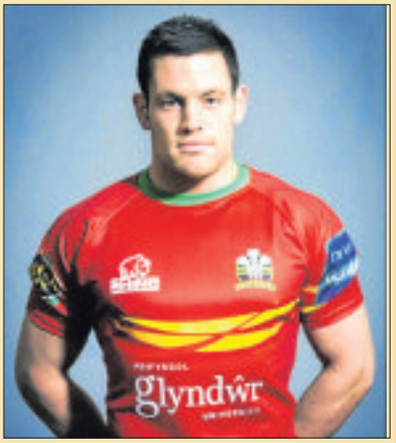
"Playing for your country is the pinnacle of every athlete's career so I'm thrilled to be part of the squad. I'm learning so much from both the coaches and players and I'm just happy to be going to the Rugby League World Cup 2013.

"Running out in a Welsh jersey at the Racecourse would mean everything to me. I've grown up here in Wrexham, I play my rugby here, all my friends are here and I live just around the corner in Gwersyllt.

"It's every boy's dream to play for their country and to do it in my home town would be extra special. "My family have been really supportive. I want to make them proud now by getting more caps and playing for my country in my home town."

In just two short years he has gone from playing community rugby for Chester Gladiators to representing Wales on the international stage.

Tickets for Sunday's action at The Racecourse are available online at www.rlwc2013.com/tickets.



Rob Massam who is hoping to play for Wales on Sunday

Morda are looking for better form

AFTER seeing their three match winning run halted, United will be looking for a swift riposte when they host Wellington Amateurs in the Mercian Regional League premier division on Saturday.

The 3-1 defeat at Whitchurch Alport reserves saw the Weston Road men slip to sixth in the table, and boss Craig Rogers wants his side to quickly get back on track after disappointing display at the weekend.

"We were poor today," he said.

"I think we allowed Alport to get on top of us early and it's very hard to turn a bad start into a good game.

"We just never passed the ball today and we had no plan B as such."

England test for Charlotte

YOUNG goalkeeper Charlotte Edmunds was representing the Wales womens under-17 team twice this week against England.

The 16-year-old, who plays for TNS women under-18s, earned her fourth cap on Monday when Wales lost 5-0 to the old foe at the New Bucks Head in Telford, while the two sides were also coming face to face again today (Thursday) at St George's Park in Burton on Trent.

Rhyn go fifth as Chris hits three

A HAT-trick from Chris Bishop saw Weston Rhyn move to fifth in the Mercian Regional League premier division after seeing off Madeley Sports 4-1. Guy Guilford was the other scorer. This Saturday, Rhyn hit the road to Ketley Bank United as they look to make more inroads on the division's leading pack.

Boss fury over loss

OSWESTRY Villa boss Graeme Sutton was unhappy at his side's lack of discipline after three players were sent off in their 4-1 home defeat to Brown Clee in the Mercian Regional League division one.

"All in all it was a very bad day for the Villa," said the manager. "Some of the players need to look hard at themselves and get back to playing football like we were at the start of the season. The referee did not help matters, but that's no excuse for the lack of discipline, and in the end we were lucky there were not more reds." The Villa will bid to bounce back at Wroxeter Rovers on Saturday

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Ladies face tricky clash

OSWESTRY Ladies suffered their fourth consecutive defeat in the Cheshire Womens Hockey League division two when downed 4-0 at Lymm Ladies.

On Saturday, they are back home to face a tricky clash against fourth placed Warrington Ladies at Oswestry School.

OSWESTRY men were edged out 5-4 at Rhyl, their first defeat of the season in the North Wales League. This Sunday, they welcome Northop Hall.

WELSHPOOL ladies swept aside Dysynni 7-2 to seal their place in the quarter-finals of the North Wales League Cup.

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